

# My Entire Class Was Summoned to Another World except for Me

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## Chapter 78: You shouldn't approach that

Our eyes followed the approaching explosions until they arrived in front of us.

"Ah! So haunting!"

A girl emerged from inside the last explosion and leaped at us. She was seizing a giant hammer in her hand and handling it with ease. Behind that girl, a single monster was chasing after her.

"Gyuoooo!!"

The monster crawled on the ground as he mowed down the trees on his way and halted before the girl.

The both of them apparently didn't notice our presence and were fully concentrated on each other. The girl stepped warily as she sought for a chance to charge in.

We were all perplexed by this sudden turn of event, however, the thing that was even more shocking and disquieting was the appearance of the monster that showed up after the girl.

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"Uwa..."

"Uhe...."

"What the..."

"Disgusting..."

"Amazing~! It's swirling!"
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Each one of us voiced their impression of the giant monster.

The last impression was somehow slightly peculiar, but usually, anyone who'd come across this thing in their life would feel nothing but disgust.

Its entire purple body was covered with a thick skin while a few tentacles, similar to those the slime had, grew out of him. Adding to that, its face was simply gross.

Its eyes were clearly sticking out from their place and revolving in different directions while his maw which was loaded with sharp fangs, was dribbling drool.

It felt like it was created by mixing the octopus and slime together before

ripping the mixture into two parts.

A shiver ran down my spin only by witnessing it.

Not only that, but this creature is most likely stronger than what a person can assume by only judging from its ludicrous appearance.

The fact that my [presence sensation] skill didn't react to it can only imply that it was able to suppress its presence.

It wouldn't be surprising if it was hiding something else.

To clear away my doubts, I appraised the monster.

**Turbidity slime slime Lvl 69** 

Physical points: 1590/2790

Magic points: 1765/2770

**Skills** 

## **Tentacles camouflage privacy**

Turns out my doubts hit the spot.

The monster was carrying quite the troubling skills.

*Is she going to be okay...?* 

Right when I had the idea of helping out the girl who was fighting against the turbidity slime, the girl made her move.

"Just die already!!"

With a firm voice, the girl charged at the slime and swinging down her heavy hammer.

Her moves were incredibly fast and smooth that it didn't take her less than an instant to be close enough to the slime.

"Gyuru!"

However, the turbidity slime was seemingly one step higher than her in terms of aptitude.

The slime cleverly used its tentacles to twin them around a nearby tree and pulled itself in that direction, evading the girl's hammer.

It was a truly cunning move.

I found myself secretly praising the slime's splendid efforts. The girl's swing

ended up in vain and collided with the ground.

At that moment, the spot which received the swing started cracking until it magnifically exploded.

"Dammit!! I missed it again!!"

With a loud BOOM, the ground was gravely gouged.

So this was the origin of those explosions.

I finally found out the main cause of the explosion sounds, while at the same time, realized the dreadful ability of the girl.

"Wow, she's pretty tough."

Despite being in direct contact with the explosion, the girl continued to follow the slime with her hammer as if nothing had happened.

Each time the turbidity slime dodged her strike, we would hear a promised explosion sound.

Just how is she able to stay unharmed in spite of being in the range of the explosion every time?

"Wow, that girl... she's kind of..."

"Dangerous..."

"The ground went BOOM~! So funny~!!"

Saya and Karen who also watched how those explosions were the result of that hammer, recognized the danger of the mysterious girl.

In the opposite hand, Rouga was getting too excited.

The two girls were correct. If we were to let down our guard, we could have got involved in one of those explosions.

After all, the girl has been randomly swinging her hammer for quite the long time.

"... let's get away."

We'd better get away from this place.

At this rate, they will eventually end up fighting near our noses.

I ordered everyone to step back, but Lina didn't react to my words as she seemed to be lost in thoughts.

"Hmmm....."

"What is it, Lina?"

"No, that girl, I feel like I already met her before."

Lina tilted her head as she kept watching over the fight.

Could it be that they're acquaintances?

When I tried to ask her about it, the turbidity slime made a move and I ended up unintentionally tracing it with my eyes.

This time, the turbidity slime evanesced after dodging the hammer swing. He must have used the **camouflage** skill.

The slime had completely gone out of sight and the girl vigilantly raised her hammer.

"Bring it on from anywhere you want!!"

With an intimidating attitude clearly revealing her intent of eradicating the slime whenever she would get the chance, the girl warily waited for it to appear.

Did that slime do something to her? She's obviously triggered.

The moment when I started having such thoughts about the mad girl before me, I noticed the slime that was about to strike her from the right side and shouted.

"It's in your right!!!"

The girl reacted to my voice and swiftly swang her hammer diagonally to the right.

She poured all her strength and might in that one swing and it perfectly landed on the turbidity slime.

"Die!!"

The slime's body dispersed everywhere along with the girl's voice that was brimming with rage.

The purple pieces of the creature that was once a slime scattered around and eventually turned into light particles then disappeared.

Despite knowing well that she had already defeated it, the girl kept glaring at the direction where the slime was strewed into pieces and hollered.

"You reap it!! This is what you get for trying to feel up people's body!"

Her face was a face of wrath blended with embarrassment.

The embarrassment increased a few degrees when she probably remembered the part of getting groped since her face became slightly red.

Well, this explains the reason behind her intense fury.

I can't blame her for going this far if such a thing did really happen.

As I was grasping the situation all by myself, the girl who apparently settled down started approaching us.

"I am thankful to you for aiding me earlier. Thank you. But, who could you be? This is not a place where ordinary people would visit nonchalantly."

The girl expressed her gratitude in a crude way.

Hey, even if you thank me that way, It doesn't feel like I'm being thanked.

I felt uncomfortable with the girl's rude behavior.

Despite saying that she was grateful for my help, she was still cautiously gripping her hammer, ready to swing it at any moment.

She wasn't even trying to hide er wariness of us.

"Right back at you. Who could you be?"

Maintaining a firm posture, I asked her back.

She wasn't the only one who was curious about the other party.

In case she turned out to be an enemy, I won't be showing any mercy.

The both of us remained silently glaring at each other, increasing the sternness of the mood.

Karen had the same reaction as mine and kept on glaring at the girl, while Saya shifted her gaze between me and the girl many times.

Rouga was already fired up for another fight and shouted "chief!! Get her!!" When I started considering the possibility of the current situation developing into a fight, the girl spoke a few words that made all my worries seem meaningless.

"Heh? Lina?"

Noticing Lina who was standing behind me, the girl enounced in a voice totally different from the grim one she was using until now.

Lina who only recalled the name of the girl after she faced her directly, uttered that name.

"Could it be, Sara?"

Finally, the both of them ascertained the identity of each other. Hm? Could it be that this girl is also...

"Are you an angel?"

I tried asking the girl who turned out to be Lina's acquaintance. The girl who loosened her vigilance toward us responded to my question.

"That's right. My name is Sara. Just like Lina, I am an angel who serves Metron-sama."

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#### **Bonus**

## What if.

What if Sara wasn't able to land a hit on the turbidity slime no matter what.

"Hyaahahaha!! Die!! Just Die!!"

Booom!! BOOOOM!

"..... Hey, what, do you think would happen if we leave her that way?" "The island will most likely sink."

## Chapter 79: The angel was surprisingly decent

Sara who proclaimed herself as an angel who serves Metron, spoke to me in a somehow haughty way, as if she was trying to brag about it.

I couldn't see the reason for her trying to boast about that fact, though I was able to guess that she was an angel.

A fairly wavy white hair almost reaching her shoulders and black eyes.

Her outward appearance was rather similar to that of Lina who is also an angel.

Although, the giant hammer which she was carrying with her seemed a little unbefitting for an angel.

That hammer was the only peculiar thing I found if my impression of her was to be excluded.

"I thought all angels were like Lina. Turns out I was wrong."

The first time I encountered Lina, was when she was blindly worshiping that annoying Kid to a harebrained level. Judging from that past experience, Sara didn't look that way to me.

Hearing my impression of her, Sara got seemingly offended and spoke in a displeased manner.

"Hey, don't be rude! Lina is the only one of us who served Metron-sama to a crazy level."

"Wha-! W-Who are you calling crazy?!"

Lina who ended up remembering a past that she didn't want to remember because of Sara's straight mock, shouted with a voice that exuded her embarrassment.

Hm? Her reaction was strange.

I didn't expect her to react in such a way, honestly.

"Didn't you tell me that day that for an angel, serving and revering their god is their greatest joy or something?"

When I urged her to answer my question, she tried to smooth over it by responding vaguely.

"Everyone was thinking the same back then and it can't be helped, since my

parents educated me that way..."

Her voice was lacking confidence.

When I remained to stare at her for a long time, she couldn't bear my gaze and gradually lowered her voice.

Sara who watched her reaction was shocked and let out a sigh.

"Hey, people who hold this kind of beliefs nowadays are the rare minorities. The main reason behind the popularity of our job is the convenient work conditions and the salary. It's not as honorable as Lina said."

"Money comes before ideals." Sare ended her words with an honest point. My first impression of her was on spot. She was a tough angel. I started feeling that a god could be more realistic than what I thought. Even Saya and Karen who were listening to our conversation smiled bitterly. As for Rouga, she was screaming nonsense like "This tree is so huuge!!" while looking at a large tree near us.

Looks like this wolf of mine can't read the mood.

"A-Anyway, why are you here Sara? What happened to your job?"
Lina who didn't wish to continue ashaming herself, changed the topic.

"I am here because of my job. I was ordered by Metron-sama to destroy the magic teleportation circle installed in this island. Although, I didn't hear anything about the monster that was lurking in the forest."

"What did you just say? Teleportation circle?"

I instantly reacted to the word "magic circle" and drew closer to Saya who was still complaining about the monster that assaulted her earlier.

"Hey! Is there really a magic circle in this island?" "W-What's your problem...?"

When I got too close to her, Sara's angered expression totally disappeared and was replaced with a puzzled face instead.

"Answer me!"

"T-There is. Metron-sama was using it in the past and it's still functioning until now."

Overwhelmed by my insistence, Sara uttered in a low voice.

Is that so. As I expected.

I finally made sure that I can teleport to his place and started chuckling all by myself like a true villain.

Lina who saw the gloomy grin I was making, asked.

"But why did he send you this late?"

"It was probably because of the incident caused by Germa. It seems that some gods are now observing other gods in hope to avoid similar problems, that is why Metron-sama sent me here to destroy the magic circle in order to hide this island he made without permission."

Apparently, the superior gods are considering Germa's case as their mismanagement fault. It's good to see them working on a countermeasure for the next time.

After answering Lina's question, this time, it was Sara's turn to ask.

"So? What are you doing here? Don't tell me you're here to have fun."

Lina couldn't instantly give an answer to Sara who was folding her arms as she pressed her to reply.

"I'm sorry but, you're correct."

Apparently not expecting such words to come from Lina, Sara widening her eyes.

"Eh, wait-! Really!? You came here to play?"

Lina nodded silently.

Sara was clearly shocked from hearing her answer and held her head as if she was assaulted by a headache.

"You have changed..."

"You think?"

"Yes! The Lina that I knew would probably have said something like 'how dare you think that I would soil this holy land created by Meteon-sama?!!' also, I can't believe you're getting along this much with your watch target."

Sara spoke while fixing her gaze on me.

She was not mistaken.

If Lina didn't change, she wouldn't have brought us to this place to have fun nor she would have talked to me very often. I may not have noticed it as we were together for too much recently, but Lina did change since the day she was abandoned by that annoying kid.

"This explains the reason Metron-sama choose me for this task instead of choosing you."

"What!"

Lina couldn't overlook Sara's last comment and reacted with a small shriek.

"Metron-sama told me that you have been acting strange lately. Wait, I guess it would be better expressed as acting normal in this case."

Sara glanced at me and Karen.

"But I guess it's understandable. It's only natural for you to change this way if you spend your time with these people. It's a good thing to be a normal as a person, though I wouldn't say the same for an angel."

Sare shook her head sideways as she exclaimed her disappointment. Lina who received her sarcasm, spoke with a voice that had a pitch of anger in it this time, unlike the calm ambiance it had only recently.

"What are you trying to convey here?"

"Nothing in particular. I was just thinking of how lame for an angel who serves a god to have their heart affected by a bunch of humans."

Finally snapping after hearing Sara's last line, Lina released all her killing intent at Sara.

"... take it back."

"What is it?"

"I told you to take back your words!"

Noticing Lina's quiet, yet clearly intimidating expression, Sara gripped her hammer and took her fighting stance.

"What? You want to fight?"

Apparently, Sara didn't have the intention of yieldingly taking back her words. A heavy and daunting ambiance started flowing between the both of them.

Lina enjoyed every single day of her new life in earth. She spent her days talking and sharing her launch time with us.

She probably couldn't bear the way Sara called the people, with whom she spent her best times, as a bunch of humans.

Lina's fury grew silently stronger as Sara kept freezing in her fighting posture.

"Do you really think you can defeat me? I, who took the first place in the servants test."

"Don't bring back the past now. I heard the news you know. Looks like you're no longer able to use your [feather judgment] skill."

Lina widened her eyes in astonishment. She didn't expect Sara to be aware of that fact.

Ah... Come to think about it, it was me who erased that skill.

"How did you know about it?"

"It's quite the famous rumor among us. Judging from your response, it looks like it's true."

Despite having her secret exposed, Lina didn't show a sign of confusion.

"Even if that's the case, then what?"

"There's no way you'd win against me if you can't use your special skill."

Sara enunciated with a triumphant voice, however, Lina still didn't falter.

"Your skill was [CrashVan] if I remember right. A skill that that causes explosions directly after the impact."

"That's right. It's one of the reasons for getting chose to accomplish my current task."

Indeed, a skill that utterly destroys anything with ease was a proper choice for the mission she received.

While the tense mood was on its way to turning into a battle, I contemplated nonchalantly.

"It will still be impossible for you to defeat me with only that."

"I shall destroy that composure of yours then."

Concluding the brief time of insulting each other, the two angels raised their weapons, preparing for a fight.

Ah, this is bad.

Urged by the tense ambiance that was about to turn into a fight at any moment, I strode between Sara and Lina without considering the mood.

"Alright, everyone wait. I'd like you to stop this futile conflict."

Bewildered by my sudden interference, Sara and Lina were both taken aback, enable of hiding their complexed expression.

Naturally, I didn't mind their reaction and continued my words by pointing out a few things.

"Lina, I understand your feelings, but this is not the proper time of picking a fight with people. Saya and Karen are her as well, so please be considerate." "Uu..."

"And same to you. Nobody cares about your thoughts and beliefs, but you need to stop provoking Lina. you're only making things troublesome."

"W-what's your problem. Stop acting arrogantly like that..."

Lina obediently agreed with me while Sara tried to object. Though her voice started gradually weakening as I approached her.

"Let me ascertain something. You came here to destroy Metron's teleportation circle, right?"

"T-That's correct. Do you have a problem with that?"

Sara answered me with a firm voice.

I only replied with "I see..." then placed my hands on Sara's shoulders and made the best friendly smile I could do.

"I'm sorry but... please come back later."

"Eh? Wait—-"

Sara had something to point out about my last request, but she vanished before being able to clearly express it.

It would be troublesome if she was to destroy the magic circle.

That's why I had her teleported outside the island.

Of course, I'm not a scoundrel to teleport her to a cruel place like the ocean.

Lina who watched me teleport Saya asked about the place where I sent her.

"Where did you send her?"

"Outside the island."

Hearing me honestly answering her question, Lina made an expression that seemed as if she was sympathizing with Sara.

she will have to go through those traps once again.

I can't blame Lina for making such a face.

Nevertheless, it can't be helped. This is all for the sake of meeting that Metron. I'm ready to do anything in order to achieve that goal.

"Let's hurry up."

Ordering to the three girls who were still feeling sorry for Sara, we resumed our search for the magic teleportation circle.

We will most likely encounter the little girl behind the voice we heard. Let's get done with this before she comes back.

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#### **Bonus**

One more time

Sara after getting teleported.

"Eh? What! What is this!? What happened?! Is this a desert? No, did I return to my start point!?"

## "Eliminating all intruders."

"Eh? This voice..."

"Gyuroooooo"

"Gyoooo!!!"

"..... am I going to have to go through this again?"

"Desu."

"Noooooooo!!"

## Chapter 80: It was quite the formidable enemy in a certain regard

The girl was in a fluster.

She was considerably nervous this time.

"This is bad, This is very bad, desu."

Watching the face of Kamiya Yato who was still unharmed until now, the girl was getting driven by her unease.

Why did things turn out this way?

The girl wished to avert her eyes from the situation she found herself in,

however, the severity of the circumstances did not allow her to do that.

Currently, Yato and his allies were standing before the building that was hiding the teleportation circle which her master entrusted to her.

She has already tested countless traps and obstructions on their way, but none of them bore a fruitful result.

All the monsters she sent to them were either quelled or avoided.

And the primary reason behind her failure was none other than Kamiya Yato.

"This is too bad, desu."

If she sends a monster, it gets crushed in the blink of an eye, and if she laid a trap they evase it with ease.

It wasn't because the monsters she received from her master were incompetent. On the contrary, they were not the type of monsters that could be easily defeated, yet that man was able to overcome all of them.

The girl started doubting that he was human.

"What should I do, desu."

At this pace, they will soon enter the building and reach the room where the magic circle is installed.

Urged by her fluster and impatience as her face started turning pale, the girl made a certain decision.

"I have no other option, desu."

The only countermove she had left was to go do something by herself.

The girl made her resolve.

She couldn't allow them to act as they pleased any further.

Her master's orders must necessarily be accomplished.

Even if it turns out that she can't win against them, she still had a trump card she could resort to as a final attempt.

Leaving the flame of determination burning in her heart, the girl went to wait for Yato and his allies.

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"Finally... finally we're here!"

It was a long trip, full of traps and strange monsters.

But we managed to overcome them all and reached our destination which was the institution that had the magic circle made by that annoying kid, Metron.

"So we finally found it."

"It took us long enough."

"Yeah, it wasn't an easy task."

"I had fun~"

Saya and the girls were also enraptured after witnessing the building in front of them and had a satisfied expression in their faces.

Rouga was still excited all alone, so I just ignored her. I wanted to enjoy the feeling of satisfaction a bit longer.

We were pushed to go through countless traps on our way to this place.

Even the monsters didn't stop emerging from nowhere with different new forms and shapes. We encountered a group of mad monkeys and dodged many surprise attacks from a creature that was morphing into a tree.

Anyway, we ran into various types of monsters.

But still, if everything was settled with only that much I wouldn't have complained. After all, I was able to defeat them all in the blink of an eye.

The real problem was not the monsters, but the traps.

With the laser trap and teleportation trap as a start, we had a hard time with innumerable ancient traps, like pits and net traps.

Not only I was not able to detect them, but dealing with them was a total distress.

Well, at least we managed to dodge them all.

At any rate, we finally reached our goal after some time. Though, a new doubt surged when we stood in front of the building.

"Why does it look like a historic ruin?"

For some mysterious reason, the institution that is supposed to have the teleportation circle was looking like a historic ruin.

It was made of stones completely covered by moss as ivy grew out from its top. It held no difference from a genuine ruin.

"That is most likely because Metron-sama thought that it would be interesting this way. He probably thought that a ruin would suit the ambiance of the forest."

Stated Lina as she looked at the ruin.

Nothing less from the angel who used to worship her god. She knows almost everything about him.

Listening to her explanation, I agreed with Metron's choice.

The ruin appeared to be ancient although it had a fair amount of security measures applied in it.

There wasn't a single tree growing near its surroundings.

A large space was encircling the ruin and isolating it from the forest.

Once I noticed that fact, the rest became obvious.

When I arrived to this island, the first thing I did was inspecting it from the sky.

At that time, I didn't remark the least trace of a ruin.

In short, this ruin was created in a way to be impossible to distinguish.

It was built perfectly to fit inside the ambiance of the forest without drawing attention.

I could feel that Metron had fun while working on this place.

"Let's get in."

There was no reason for us to keep standing.

Telling the others to move, we entered inside the ruin.

Its inside was surprisingly bright and spacious.

The stone ceiling was high above our heads and the interior continued forth like a maze.

The place was clear despite not having electricity running in it. When I raised my head to search for the source of the light, I realized that the ceiling was shining.

I had no idea about how the ceiling was illuminating, but I could tell that it wasn't made from this world's materials. It felt like I was inside a dungeon.

"Did you feel that, Kamiya Yato."

Apparently, Lina felt something odd after stepping in the dungeon and revealed an nervous expression.

"Yeah, something is strange."

I confirmed her doubt with a nod.

I also felt something off when I entered the dungeon, although nothing of irregular happened to me.

While I was inspecting myself to check if anything was off, I noticed something important.

"I can't use magic."

"What!?"

Lina was shocked by my sudden statement and tried to use her magic. Nothing happened.

"You're right, I can't use it too."

"Looks like we're not allowed to use magic while we're inside."

First were monsters and traps and now magic prohibition.

Really, that kid was having fun while making this island.

Thinking about unnecessary things, the feelings of unease started rising in my head.

If there was to be a trap installed here, we will be done.

What should I do...

I slightly hesiated first, but I shook my head and threw off my worries. There was no possible way for me to go back after reaching this place.

I resolved myself and strode a step forward. At that moment——

"Stop there, desu."

I heard a voice.

But this time, it wasn't only the voice.

A little girl appeared before my eyes at the same time.

Naturally, I halted my moves and gazed at the little girl.

A light purple twin tail and a gothic loli dress. Her eyes were vacant and didn't reflect a sense of life.

I was convinced the moment I saw this girl who seemed to be around 10 years.

"Was it you who sent those monsters to us?"

"Yes, desu. I am Meru, an AI created by master and responsible of managing this island, desu."

As I expected.

I wasn't surprised from hearing her answer.

Well, honestly speaking, I didn't expect Metron to create something like an AI. that's too much to be called as having fun.

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"Cute."

"She was really a little girl."

"She's just kid!"

"Amazing~ "
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Saya and the rest stated their impressions about Meru, although none of them were important in the situation we were currently facing.

"And what does an AI like you want from us? Let me tell you this first, but don't try asking us to leave, because we are not going anywhere."

When warned her, Meru kept glaring at me silently.

"I beg of you. Please go back, desu."

She then bowed down.

"Ha?"

I unintentionally let out a stupid voice from this unpredicted twist.

Eh? Did she just ask me politely to leave?

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"Eh, um, you see, I..."
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"Is it a no? Desu."

As I was still perplexed by the abrupt turn of event, Meru approached and gazed at me with her upturned eyes which seemed about to shed tears at any moment. She gently asked me once again.

"Please, desu."

The way she asked me would be irresistible for the type of people who are fond of little girls.

I could tell that much even though I wasn't one of that type.

She was too cute.

I was about to give up to her cute gaze and upturned eyes, but I managed to bear the cuteness to a certain point.

"I-I can'..."

"Please, desu. Leave this place, desu."

Her eyes became more and more wet.

She was about to burst into tears.

Wait, no. it will become harder for me to refuse if you make such a face.

I couldn't instantly reply to Meru who kept gazing at me with her teary eyes.

"Yato-kun..."

"Kamiya Yato..."

"Uwaa..."

As I was getting pressed by Meru in front of my eyes, I could feel the way Saya and the others looked at me was somehow strange.

I could tell that if I give up now, I'd lose many other important things along.

"I have business to do in this place, so I can't go back now."

"Please, don't say that, desu. I used most of the traps I had against you, so please go back, desu."

Despite pushing myself to barely refuse, Meru didn't give up and kept insisting. Moreover, I feel like I heard her saying something she's not supposed to divulge.

Anyway, She was making it very difficult for me to refuse...

I was completely flustered because of the little girl who was fixing her piercing gaze on me.

Eh? Did I do something? Just what did I do to make her plead me this much?

As I was getting absorbed in Meru's pace, Lina stepped forward.

"Just what are you doing, Kamiya Yato? I can't believe you're getting all puzzled from the request of a little girl. You can....."

The first thing she did was blaming me for something that could not be helped, though she halted her words abruptly after getting struck by Meru's cuteness effect.

You're the same as well!

Rather, she even uttered "So cute..." in a low voice.

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"L-Lina -chan!?"
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"You're getting too captivated."

This time, Saya and Karen came to save the situation.

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"Is it a no, desu?"
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"Uu..."

"Cute..."

As I already guessed, the both of them were readily entranced by Meru adorableness.

You lost way too fast!

I never knew that a little girl could be this powerful.

This is bad, at this rate, all of us will get annihilated.

"I have something to do here, so I can't go back. It's impossible! So could you please let us pass?"

I firmly refused Meru's request.

My frantic words seemed to have reached her since she changed her teary expression into a dispirited one and withdrew.

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"I, see..."
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With tottering steps, Meru retreated.

There's no need to describe the overwhelming feeling of guilt I had at that moment.

"I understand. Well, then, I shall be, waiting for you, in the last layer, desu."

Leaving those words behind, Meru vanished from our field of sight.

Just what's her problem. Coming out all of a sudden then disappearing abruptly like that.

"She was cute."

"Yeah."

"She was pretty unfair."

"What is it"?"

Saya and the girls were impressed by Meru's cunning use of her cuteness. Rouga was unable of grasping what just happened and kept inclining her head. You're fine that way, Rouga. You don't need to know about what happened. But the crucial conclusion I came up with after surviving this surprise attack was the following:

Little girls are not to be underestimated.

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### Bonus

Lolicon?

"Yato-kun? Do you like kids?"

"Eh? Well, uhh, if I had to choose between like and hate, I'd say I like them."

"Is that so."

"Doesn't that mean you're a lolicon?"

"No, it does not!"

## Chapter 81: You work hard only on useless things

After Meru disappeared, we advanced to the inner part of the ruin.

According to her, there shouldn't be any dangerous trap laid inside.

She wasn't intending to say that, but she ended up slipping her tongue on the heat of the moment.

It was a truly useful information.

"Then why did she block the use of magic?"

Lina asked as we continued moving forward.

Her question was on point.

We weren't allowed to use magic inside a place that doesn't have dangerous traps. It was strange.

I couldn' predict what Meru was trying to do.

"Maybe she's preparing something else."

Or maybe she just lied when she said that she ran out of traps to use.

Could it possibly be that all that she said was nothing but an act?

If that was the case, then I would have to consider many possibilities from now on.

As I was contemplating the situation while groaning all alone, Saya who was looking around the place muttered.

"I have a feeling that we would activate some sort of trap only by stepping on the floor."

The floor and walls were built from stone.

They emitted an uncomfortable ambiance; as if something was about to emerge of them. Since this is a dungeon, it wouldn't be weird for that much to happen.

Karen who listened to Saya's nonchalant remark immediately reacted with a displeased expression.

"Saya-chan, you shouldn't say stuff like tha—"

## Step-!

"Eh?"

Before Karen was able to finish her words, a stone which Saya stepped on had abruptly caved in. Saya stiffened in her place after making a confused voice. Silence overwhelmed the place while all of us remained gazing at the part of the ground she stepped at.

Don't tell me...

As if responding to the premonition I had, a magic circle appeared in the dent under Saya's foot.

"Eh, no, wait!?"

The magic circle started shining and gradually increasing its brightness. Saya was still bewildered, unable to keep up with what was happening until Lina instructed her to move right away.

"Saya-dono! Hurry up and move from there! Immediately!" "I can't. I can't move..."

Shaking her arms aimlessly, Saya tried to convey to us that she couldn't move. This is bad! So the story about running out of traps was a lie after all.

I blamed myself for believing Meru's skilled performance.

Moreover, Saya has been raising too many flags recently. Perhaps, it's due to her being a natural airhead.

She should stop doing that, honestly.

Such thoughts ran through my mind, though none of them were important in our current situation.

"Saya!"

I swiftly moved near Saya and grabbed her hand.

When I used my teleportation skill to take her somewhere safe, I remembered that it not possible.

"Ah, I forgot..."

I can't use magic here.

My impatience and fluster made me forget about it.

I stiffened in my place while still seizing Saya's hand. Of course, the magic circle didn't wait for me until I came up with a good idea; it continued to shine

brighter, ready to function at any instant.

"Dammit!"

I don't have the time to think about another way out.

I closely embraced Saya to protect her from what was about to happen

With my stats, it's very unlikely for me to die just from a trap.

I used body enhancement and prepared myself for the shock.

Please endure it with me!

Disregarding my desperate attempt to protect Saya, The magic circle reached its utmost radiance and took its effect.

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"Saya-dono!! Kamiya Yato!!"
"Chief!"
"Onii-chan!"
"Yato-kun."
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Just like Lina, Karen and Rouga's screams, the magic circle light disappeared in the blink of an eye.

#### Baaam!!

Something fell from above us.

"He?"

That something caused a big noise inside the ruin after it hit my head.

I was dumbfounded by the impact that didn't have any damage on me.

Not only me, but even Lina and the others were all stupefied while gazing at the thing that fell down.

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"What's this?"

"A tray."

"It made a terrific noise~!"
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It was a traditional silver tray; the one that's often used in comedy shows.

Eh? Why a tray?"

Unable to grasp the situation, I remained standing in my place, still holding Saya in my arms.

Saya also didn't seem to have realized it and kept looking at the tray, in a daze.

Just why...

Suddenly, a text explaining the situation that made us freeze in our positions for a long while appeared.

The moment I read that text, everything became clear while at the same time...

## "Haha, you were tricked!"

I felt a strong killing intent sprouting inside me.

"Hoo..."

I finally understood Meru's words after reading the text that was floating in the air and my shoulders started trembling.

I see... so that's how it is.

"Y-Yato-kun?"

Saya who noticed me trembling took a glance at my face, unsure of what to say.

Karen and Lina were also at loss for words and kept quiet while revealing a nervous expression.

Meru did indeed use all the dangerous traps. But that doesn't mean that there won't be any kind of traps in this ruin.

Metron, that annoying kid had probably poured more time and labor into making the traps inside this ruin than what he did outside.

The reason behind blocking our magic is probably because he wanted to try this trap.

He's only putting his hard work on useless things.

I felt almost as if I heard his voice while reading the floating text.

"I won't forgive him! Just wait!!"

He got some nerves to make a fool of me.

I shall repay him back twice for this humiliation.

Restraining my anger towards Metron, I let a sinister grin reach my face.

Looking at me grinning on my own, Lina and Karen faced each other with a tired expression, almost as if they gave up.

"What are you doing? Let's move."

"Y-Yeah."

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"O-Okay."
"That's right."
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When I told them to resume walking, they answered me with a somehow nervous voice.

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"I'm going too~!!"
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Rouga was the only one among them to answer me with a lively voice. That's the spirit, Rouga.

She's the only one who always responds to my expectation.

Feeling satisfied with Rouga's reply, I advanced further in the ruin.

I will surely knock him out with all the strength I have.

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"So this is the final area."

After walking further into the ruin, we reached a spacious hall.

The ceiling was so high that I had to raise my head to see its top and a giant, realistic stone statue was placed in the deepest part of the hall. The place had a befitting ambiance for a final area of the dungeon.

We went through various traps on our way to here.

All of them were too absurd. I honestly wish I could forget them.

A giant cardboard instead of a rock rolling towards us, or a laser beam that turned out to be a simple laser.

Just recalling them makes me feel irritated.

What made me snap every time was the messages he left in every trap. "Why are you seriously escaping?" or "You are already dead."

Just wait until I find you. I will make you pay for all of this.

I will burst all this accumulated rage on him.

As I was doing my best to control my anger, Saya uttered while pointing at something.

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"T-That!"
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I turned to see what she was pointing at.

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"That's..."
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I narrowed my eyes and gazed at that place for longer.

It was a magic circle shining ahead of the stone statue.

I immediately moved to take a closer look at it, but a hindrance stood in my way.

"I was waiting for you, desu."

I stopped walking when Meru came in my sight all of a sudden.

So she came after all.

Well, she did tell me that she will be waiting for us here.

"You've put quite irritating traps in this ruin, didn't you?"

"I know that they were nothing but meaningless attempts of resistance for you, Desu."

Meru replied as she floated in the air.

If you have already given up then don't try resisting in the first place.

"So? What are you intending to do now? It would be nice of you if you let us pass, you know."

Meru shook her head, indicating refusal.

"No, I can't let you pass. It is an order from my master, desu. So..."

Leaving a few moments of silence, she continued.

"..... here is my last effort, desu."

At that instant, an earthquake shook the hall.

"Kya!!"

"W-What happened?"

"Earthquake?!"

"The ground is trembling"."

Saya and the others lost their balance while being confused by the sudden earthquake.

What's happening?

Enduring the trembling ground, I turned to look back at Meru and realized that the stone statue behind her started moving.

The statue that was embedded in the stone wall moved its crossed arms and

pushed them against the wall to crawl out and stand on the ground.

It had the appearance of a stone golem, however, its size was far exceeding that of a normal golem.

Its height almost reached the high ceiling.

It was undeniably the largest monster I have ever met.

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"Uwa..."
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Gazing at the enormous golem that was standing in front of us like a tower, I thought to myself nonchalantly.

That's a graceful statue to have come to life.

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## Bonus

Did you call?

"By the way, Keren. Didn't you call me Onii-chan earlier?"

"No, I didn't."

"Eh? No, I did hear-"

"I didn't."

"You saying-"

"I didn't."

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Why does Karen-dono refuse to admit that she called him that way."

<sup>&</sup>quot;She's probably afraid of Yato-kun treating her like a little sister."

## **Chapter 82: Unwavering faith**

"This is my last ace. If you do not want to die, then please leave immediately, Desu."

Standing ahead of the giant golem, Meru gave us the last warning.

I didn't see something this huge coming, to be honest.

The golem didn't waver and remained standing in its place behind Meru.

That means that it won't move without Meru's orders.

I analyzed the situation while looking at Meru and the golem.

Suddenly, Lina pointed at the golem as if she realized something and raised her voice.

"That's a normal golem! Usually, a normal golem is the weakest among its kind but just like every type of golems, it could enhance its body by putting on extra layers of the unique stone or crystal from which he is made. It takes time for the stones or crystals to be adapted to its body, but once that's done, the golem becomes able to defeat stronger monsters. The one we're facing now is an extreme case of enhancement."

Line explained to me with a voice exuding her amazement.

Well, he is huge indeed. Just the width of its legs is longer than my height.

I've never met something this immense.

Nevertheless, a golem that could strengthen its body by appending more stones to it, huh.

Only by looking at its size I can tell how powerful he became.

Facing the giant normal golem, I started feeling tired from imagining the time and labor I'd need to defeat it.

Frankly speaking, I'm not very sure if I can really defeat it without using magic. That's why I'd like to avoid fighting if possible.

I asked Meru in hope to find some way to avoid meaningless troubles.

"By the way, your master is Metron, right? What did he order you? Let me tell you this, but we're not here to cause any damage to the place. I just need use the teleportation circle ahead of this hall."

Maybe she would let me pass if Metron ordered her only to protect this place. Carrying that faint hope in my heart, I waited for Meru to answer.

"Master ordered me to exterminate everyone who comes to this island and to not let anyone approach this place. Desu. that's why I can not let you get near the teleportation circle, Desu."

Unveiling a satisfied expression, Meru continued.

"At that time, master told me to take care of this place until he comes back. I felt glad to have master relying on me as it was the first time I felt that I was needed."

She was making a proud expression.

I could notice how happy and carefree she seemed while talking about her master. I guess it's not possible in the end. My faint hope was nothing but a waste of time.

I felt slightly dejected by having my anticipation deceived.

But anyway, could it be that...

A certain thought ran through my mind together with the feeling of disappointment.

That Metron... he probably forgot about Meru.

He wouldn't have sent Sara to destroy this place if he didn't forget about Meru.

He should have at least told her about it.

Poor girl...

An Ai waiting for her master who will never come back.

As I sympathized with Meru who was still smiling in satisfaction, Lina whispered into my ear.

"What are you going to do, Kamiya Yato? We can't fight against that golem before taking Saya and Karen-dono somewhere safe."

Lina suggested while fixing her sight on the normal golem.

She was right. At this rate, it looks like fighting him is the only way for us to pass. In that case, we're going to have to take Saya and Karen somewhere else.

I guess I have no choice.

"Saya, Karen. Leave this hall with Lina."

"Eh? Why?"

"I'm probably going to end up fighting against that giant chunk of rocks. So you need to get away from this place before that happens."

"And what about you, Yato-kun?"

"I will take care of him. That's the only possible way for me to reach the magic teleportation circle, after all."

"Are you going to be okay alone?"

Saya asked with an uneasy expression.

An enormous giant golem against one person.

Anyone who'd willingly take on such a fight would be undeniably reckless.

Even Saya who was supposed to know about my skills realized the absurdity of the situation.

Besides, I can't use magic.

It's only natural for her to feel uneasy.

I made a gentle smile and turned to answer Saya.

"Relax. I'm not that weak to lose against some pile of stones."

"But..."

Apparently, my answer wasn't convincing. Saya didn't change her expression of worry.

I hesitated for a second when I saw that expression, but Meru didn't give me the time to contemplate and made a move.

"I was created for the sole sake of serving my master and I shall obey his orders no matter what happens, Desu!"

The moment she said those words, the normal golem that was standing behind her started moving while making loud noises.

This is bad, I need to do something about it quickly.

I lost my composure for an instant, but then immediately ordered Saya and Karen to escape.

"Get away from here now! All of you!!"

"Yato-kun..."

Saya didn't shift even though the golem started moving.

When I was about to try persuading her to leave, Karen came and Grabbed her by her shoulder.

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"Let's go, Saya-chan."
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"Don't worry. There's no way he would lose to a normal stone golem."

With a composed manner and a serious expression, Karen looked at me after adding "am I right?"

As expected from my beloved little sister. She knows what's she's doing. I revealed a faint smile as a response to what she said.

"I'm counting on you two to protect them."

"Yeah."

"Wan!"

Responding to my request, Lina and Rouga left the room together with Karen who pulled Saya by her hand.

Saya kept looking in my direction the entire time on her way out of the hall. I waved my hand and saw her off.

Just when I thought that I can concentrate on the golem, Lina stopped running in the middle of the way and shouted to me.

"Golems have their core buried under their chest! If you destroy the core, the golem will die! Aim for the chest!!"

"I got it!"

This time, after confirming that they left the hall, I turned back to face Meru who waited sincerely until then.

"Are you not leaving too? Desu."

"Too bad. I have some unfinished business to do behind that door so I can't leave."

Slowly closing her eyes, Meru uttered "I, see... desu." with a voice indicating her disappointment.

"Well then, I am going to have to exterminate you... Desu."

"Try doing it."

<sup>&</sup>quot;Karen-chan, we can't..."

The golem started moving once again while causing loud noises. I took a fighting posture with my fists tightly clenched.

Currently, I'm about to challenge a giant golem without using magic.

All of this for the sole sake of meeting that annoying kid.

With that single wish deep down my heart, I prepared for the fight against the normal golem.

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#### Bonus

### Inclination

"Meru, you've been here for a very long time, right?"

"Yes, it has been a few centuries now. Desu"

"Aren't you curious about the outside world?"

"Yes, I am a bit curious, however, I do have a lookup function that allows me to get all the information I need about the outside world. Desu."

"Hmm, tell me something you know."

"I know many seasonal anime series. I also know that 80% of people I see as friends do not consider me as their friend——"

"So you're basically using the internet."

TL note: so the bonus title "inclination" is referring to the inclination of the type of information she got from surfing the internet.

## Chapter 83: We're both making use of each other

After Karen brought me outside the hall, I kept gazing at the direction where we left Yato all the time.

"Yato-kun..."

I heard the sound of the ground shaking many times since we left. He's surely having a violent battle.

Yato is undeniably strong.

Due to his skills, He does things that are usually impossible to be done by a human being as if it was something of ordinary.

With those skills and abilities, he could easily defeat that living statue.

But still, even if that was the case, I'd still feel worried about him.

Even if he had a superhuman strength, even if he was invincible, I don't think that this feeling of unease would change.

(I don't want that to happen again...)

I don't want to lose a precious person a second time. Yato is strangely resembling my father.

That's why I always see the figure of my father in him. And when the thought of such a person leaving my side and disappearing goes through my mind, I can't help but feel a pain in my chest. I can't shake off the feeling of unease from my head.

(Although I decided to help him out...)

I want to do something too. I want to be helpful for him. I said that countless times, but look at me now.

I'm nothing but an ordinary person. How could someone like me be able to become dependable by him?

I felt terribly vexed by my current self.

When I started biting my lips from the intense regret, Karen who was pulling

me from my hand stopped running.

"Here."

Suddenly halting her steps, she looked around the place. I bumped against her back and lightly hit my nose.

"Ouch... what's the matter, Karen-chan?"

Rubbing my nose, I asked for the reason she stopped.

She kept looking back in the direction from where we came as if she was searching for something.

"What's the problem, Karen-dono? Let's hurry and leave this place."

"We're not leaving this place."

Karen immediately rejected Lina's words.

Both Lina and I raised a confused voice, taken aback by her unpredicted answer. Weren't we going to run away from this place?

"What do you mean?"

"We're going to assist him."

By "him", I assume that she was referring to Yato.

Is she planning to go back to that hall?

While I was still bewildered by Karen-chan's abrupt resolve, Lina tried to convince her to stop.

"No! We can't do anything to help him out if we go back now."

"I know. But I can't bear the feeling of being useless you know."

Karen declared while looking at looking at Lina strain in her eyes.

Judging from her stern ambiance, she was probably serious. So she was also thinking the same as I did.

She told me that she was rescued many times by Yato in the past.

I guess the feeling of wanting to be dependable by him instead of being rescued all the time is the same as mine.

(she's strong...)

What she did just now, is something I can't possibly do.

Unlike me who doesn't do anything besides of waiting, Karen-chan is constantly looking for a chance to help and once she does find one, she unhesitatingly takes advantage of it.

Nothing less expected from his little sister. She has got enough motivation to take actions.

As I started feeling somehow inferior to her, Karen replied to Lina with a confident look.

"Also, we don't really need to go back if we want to assist him."

"Eh? Then what are you intending to do?"

I tilted my head, displaying my confusion.

Just what are we going to do if we're not going back? The moment I wondered, Karen revealed a mischievous grin, similar to a certain someone's, then enounced.

"There are a few things that even ordinary people like us could do."

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After Saya and the others left the hall, I made my resolve and faced the normal golem.

I used body enhancement, increased my speed and charged into the golem. Meru who took my move as a sign of start, ordered the golem.

"Get him, Desu!"

The golem began to move while causing loud noises from his body and raised his fist.

As expected from his giant body, he was just as slow.

It would have been easy for me to dodge his strike, but I judged that even dodging it was unnecessary.

I leaped at the golem who was still raising his arm and I clenched my fist as well.

"Do it, Desu!"

The moment Meru screamed, the golem released his attack directly at me. His fist was large enough to cover my entire body.

However, it was lacking strength.

I waited for the perfect timing and struck my fist against his.

Two fists colliding in the air, although one of them is made out of stone. The instant our fists touched each other, a moment of complete silence dominated the place.

Immediately after that, a few cracks started appearing in the golem's hand along with a thick sound.

Gradually, the cracks spread through his entire arm which then eventually turned into dust.

"As I thought, he's nothing but a rock in the end."

Watching the golem's hand collapsing on the ground, I became certain. No matter how grand he can be, a rock is still a rock.

The hardness of a rock doesn't change by its size.

For someone like me who used to shatter them in the past, this golem was nothing but a pile of rocks.

Even for a rock, he was nowhere near the stiffness of the scale of the black dragon.

I think I can defeat him at this rate.

While I was considering the chance of my victory, Meru spoke in a composed tone.

"That is not a problem, Desu."

Following her words, the golem's right arm which had turned into mere stones started assembling back in its original place and gradually repair itself.

"Regeneration, possible, Desu."

The golem's right arm had completely healed.

Looks like it wasn't intending to let me win with just that much.

I was slightly irritated after realizing that the golem could regenerate, though I swiftly made my next move.

"If that's the case, then!"

I had no other choice but to destroy its core first.

I leaped towards the normal golem again, this time aiming for its chest. Finding the right timing, I thrust my fist into its chest with all my might.

"I won't let you, Desu."

Of course, Meru wasn't so slow-witted to let me reach the core.

The moment I was about to strike it, the golem crossed his arms to guard its chest.

My fist ended up hitting the middle of his left arm and crushing it.

The lower parts of his left arm fell on the ground, but he immediately picked it up using his right hand and stuck it back in its place as if he was building some sort of plastic model.

You sure that's a golem and not a robot?

"That's pretty convenient..."

"That is right, Desu."

I couldn't help but feel impressed by his ability to regenerate.

But still, I didn't expect that destroying its core would be this troublesome.

If I crushed any part of his body, he instantly regenerates it and if I aimed at his core, he defends it.

When I started contemplating what I should do next, this time it was Meru's turn to launch an attack.

"It is my turn, Desu."

Following her words, the normal golem released a punch at me with an abnormal speed.

But it was still slow. I dodged his punch with ease and took advantage of his arm to jump at his chest.

The golem tried obstructing me using his left arm, but as if that didn't matter for me, I hit the left arm with my fist and destroyed it.

I couldn't reach his chest yet, however, my counter attack still continued.

After hitting his arm using my right hand, this time I struck his chest with my left hand.

My left hand pierced through the golem chest and the rocks covering that place became unstuck and fell in the ground.

"So that's the core."

When I took a quick glance in its inside, I noticed the existence of a red large jewel-like stone.

It was most likely the core which Lina told me about.

I should be able to defeat him if I destroyed it.

Without further delay, I reached my hand to the core, though there was no way Meru would silently watch me destroy it that readily.

"I won't let you, Desu."

The normal golem used his right arm in an attempt to catch me.

Evading his approaching hand at the last moment, I distanced myself from him.

I was so close!

I was almost enraged by getting obstructed when I finally had the core in front of my eyes. I was one step closer! One step!

It looks like fighting it without magic is slightly insufficient.

If I only I was able to use magic.

What should I do now...

At this rate, I won't be able to defeat him, nor would he be able to defeat me. I'm the one who will be in disadvantage if this battle lasts for longer.

I sought another mean to turn the situation to my favor, but I couldn't come up with anything useful. So I just continued fisting him.

At least this way is better than doing nothing.

Who knows, maybe I'd find an opportunity to destroy the core if I continued this way.

Making my decision, I stepped forth again, in attempt to find his weakness. but...

—— all of a sudden, the ground started shaking.

"Hm?"

I thought it was just my imagination at first, but the shaking was growing gradually stronger and intense.

"What could that be, Desu."

Apparently, Meru had no idea of what was going on as well. While the shaking of the ground was increasing, we heard the sound of explosions coming from the distance.

The explosion sound grew rapidly distinct as it approached the hall. Wait, could it be...

I felt like I already experienced a similar situation.

I searched through my memories, trying to remember it.

Ah, no way...

Right when I recalled the origin of the sound, a huge explosion occurred near us.

The wall next to me exploded and someone's figure emerged from the cloud's dust.

"I found you!!!!!!"

The moment our eyes met, Sara shouted in a loud voice, rushed towards me and roughly caught me by my collar

She was still carrying her giant hammer in her shoulder and glared at me with her black frightening eyes.

"How dare you do that earlier!? Because of you sending me back, I had to start everything from the very beginning!! Do you have an idea of the hardship I went through, huh!?"

She released her wrath on me while shaking me by my collar.

Come to think of it, I was the one who sent her back outside the island. I totally forgot about it.

"It didn't take you very long. I'm impressed by how fast it took you to make it this far."

I really wasn't expecting her to show up this fast.

Maybe the monsters outside weren't able to stall her long enough. Moreover, the fact that she destroyed the wall means that she choose an unfair path to make it here.

This angel is not in her right mind, seriously.

Meru who was watching me getting scolded by Sara utter while making a

strange expression.

"I forgot about you, Desu."

Looks like she forgot about her too.

So that means that Sara didn't encounter monsters on her way to the dungeon.

She's so lucky.

Anyway, first, I had to calm her down.

The situation won't proceed at this rate and besides, I can't bear the feeling of my brain shaking back and forth.

"Well, calm down. The situation is a bit too dire for you to act this way. Look at that."

When I pointed at the normal golem, Sara unwillingly turned to look at his direction and finally realized his presence.

"W-What is that!?"

Overwhelmed by the shock, she let away from my collar and released me.

"It's something like the last boss of this ruin. As long as he's still standing there, we can't make it to the teleportation circle."

I made a certain suggestion to Sara.

"What do you think of teaming up to defeat it?"

"Haa? Why would I fight together with someone like you?"

She immediately refused my suggestion, but I didn't give up and continued.

"If you don't defeat that golem, you will never be able to accomplish your task."

"Hmph! I can do that on my own!!....."

"On your own? You, who can only randomly to swing that giant hammer!? I'd be surprised if you were able to block two of his attacks in a row."

Hearing my argument, Sara noticed that I was correct and groaned with her mouth shut.

The hammer she was carrying was indeed powerful

She could even be able to defeat the normal golem if she used it properly.

But at the same time, she would have many unguarded openings while using it If I was to cover her at times like that, we could be able to win.

While Sara was deeply considering my suggestion, Meru took advantage of the situation and made an assault.

"I shall get you before you get me, Desu."

The golem swung down his fist on the both of us.

Sara and I quickly dodged his strike which ended up gouging the ground. "Hiyee..."

Noticing the giant hole in the ground caused by the golem, Sara shivered. If she was to directly receive that punch, she would definitely get crushed. It's only natural for her to shiver when thinking about what could have happened to her if she didn't evade it.

"So, what? Are you gonna join hands or do you still insist on fighting him alone?"

When I urged her to respond, Sara glared at the normal golem as she took her fighting posture.

"Let me make something clear first. I'm doing this for the sole sake of reaching my goal, and you're the next on the list after we finish this thing."

"Very well."

I mean who would want to fight alone something that huge? I vaguely replied to Sara's words while shrugging my shoulders.

That's fine in its own way. We're both making use of each other.

With that last thought in my mind, I prepared myself for the second round.

"Don't you dare burden me!"

"Right back at you."

Finishing our light dispute, we faced the normal golem once again.

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#### **Bonus**

Don't get the wrong idea.

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"Listen, I'm doing this only for the sake of my objective! Don't get the wrong idea!"

"I know."

"Listen, don't get the wrong idea!!"

"I know, I know."

"Seriously, it would be troublesome if you had the wrong perception."

"I get it already!"

"Seriously, don't you dare get the wrong idea!!"

"I told you that I understand!"

"No, like seriously, seriously, I don't want you to misunderstand the situation!"

"I told you..."

"Don't do it!! Seriously, don't! I'm warning you!"

"You're being too persistent!!"
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## Chapter 84: I'm not asking for the impossible

"I will turn you into dust!!"

Sara charged into the normal golem while carrying her giant hammer.

Her way of cooperation was a bit too irresponsible.

"Don't charge forward alone! It's dangerous!"

"Die!!"

Ignoring my warning, Sara swung her hammer with all her power.

In the other hand, the golem used his fist to guard against the strike, thus colliding with the hammer.

The moment the hammer touch the golem's hand, it caused a massive explosion along with a blaring noise, blowing off his arm.

"Hmph, looks like he's not that big of a threat."

Feeling safe after blowing off the golem's arm, Sara said with a smirk.

But taking advantage of that short moment, the golem moved his other arm to hit her from the side.

Sara didn't notice the closing hand.

Good grief, it's not like I didn't warn her.

I swiftly jumped near Sara and kicked the hand that was approaching her.

"Careful!"

The golem's wrist collapsed resulting in his hand falling in the ground.

Sara watched the hand falling down with an astonished expression. She wasn't able to grasp the situation immediately.

"I told you not to rush alone!"

I warned her a second time with a stronger tone.

It would be troublesome if she kept ignoring my words this way.

Apparently offended by my warning, Sara changed her astonished expression into a sullen one.

"It has nothing to do with you!! I want to move the way I like!"

"You will only end up in the same situation as of earlier again. We should cooperate..."

"In that case, make sure to cover me!!"

I wonder what's definition of cooperation.

I became greatly perplexed by Sara's absurd demand.

At this rate, we won't be able to defeat the golem no matter how long we keep fighting. Just how am I supposed to deal with this girl?

While I fell in thoughts trying to think out a way to handle Sara, Meru gazed at us with a curious face.

"Is this the so-called dispute between friends, Desu?"

"We're not friends!"

"What did you see in us to end up with such a conclusion?"

Sara immediately denied Meru's words.

We've been quarreling from the moment we met. How did she judge that we were friends?

Maybe she was able to come up with that conclusion because she spent her entire life alone, unlike us. But regardless of what she was thinking, Meru saw our situation as an opportunity and made her next move.

"They are no longer friends! A chance, Desu!"

"I told you, we were not friends from the very start!"

Sara tried correcting Meru's misunderstanding, though it was meaningless.

Meru ignored Sara's shout and continued to control the golem.

The normal golem swung his right arm down at us; exactly in the same way and posture he used last time.

This attack again? Looks like he's lacking innovation.

I felt slightly disappointed by the attack which I was intending to dodge easily, however, shortly after, that feeling of disappointment changed into one of consternation as I widened my eyes.

"Fire, Desu!"

Right when the golem dropped his fist at us, two of his fingers flew in our direction.

"They can fly!!?"

Startled by the unforeseen attack pattern, I barely dodged the flying fingers that flew directly toward me with great speed and ended up piercing the ground.

This guy is pretty skillful.

"There is still more, Desu!"

Following Meru's words, the golem launched the rest of his fingers at me.

Right, left, right, left. Launching one finger from a single hand every time, he kept aiming at the both of us.

"What's wrong with this rocks!"

Sara crushed the rock fingers that leaped at her using her hammer.

The crushed fingers caused a cloud of dust and covered her field of vision.

It was a poor move coming from her.

Now that her vision is blocked, she can't deal with the next attack.

My premonition seemed to have hit the mark as the normal golem resorted to punching her with his fingerless hand.

Sara was still incapable to predict what was coming due to the smoke.

At this pace, she will definitely receive a straightforward hit.

This is bad!

"Dammit!"

I hastily rushed in front of Sara, took a defensive posture and received the normal golem's punch instead of her.

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"Y-You..."
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"Gu... aa... aaa! Aa!"

When the cloud of dust had finally cleared off, Sara widened her eyes after realizing the situation unfolding ahead of her.

My body suddenly started feeling heavy. The exceedingly heavy weight of the golem leaned on me as I let out a strange voice similar to a groan.

I thought I could somehow bear the attack, but things don't look very promising. Unlike crushing his arm, trying to stop the blow required me to use all my strength.

I could hear my bones creaking as my legs were gradually getting buried underground.

"Good, crush him like that, Desu!"

Obeying to Meru's order, the golem pumped more vigor into his hand.

"Ah! Y-You...u..."

The tone of my voice intensified in proportion to the power he added.

My bones creaked almost as if they were shrieking.

I don't think I can bear this for longer.

As I impatiently contemplated a plan to overcome the situation, the massive weight that was squeezing my body had abruptly disappeared.

"You!!"

It was thanks to Sara who destroyed the golem's arm while I was blocking it.

The arm that got destroyed fell in the ground.

Without giving the golem a chance to catch up, Sara struck the ground to distract him.

"Mn!!"

The ground exploded and smoke covered the entire hall.

Due to the heavy pressure I received, my body didn't move exactly as I wanted, but fortunately, Sara lent me her hand.

"This way."

I obediently let her drag me by my hand.

When we took a safe distance from the golem, Sara finally halted her steps.

"We should be fine this far."

"Yeah, thanks for helping me out."

When I expressed my gratitude to her, she scowled at me.

"You! Why did you save me despite all the things I said earlier?"

She spoke with a low voice. She was most likely feeling guilty for what she had done.

What do you mean? If I let you die there, who would help me defeat this guy?

I got bewildered for a second, seeing her asking the obvious.

"That's because I need you of course!"

Was she listening when I was asking for her cooperation all this time?

Hearing my obvious answer, Sara replied with an "I see...", and closed her eyes, seeming to be considering something. She then eventually opened them up again after coming up with a decision.

"... do it."

"What?"

"Say it! Tell me your plan! Don't tell me you're asking for my cooperation without any further plan!"

Hearing those words coming from her mouth as she was looking slightly embarrassed, I froze in my place.

What did she just say? Will she be cooperating with me?

"Eh? We're going to work together to defeat him?"

"I want to destroy that thing as well you know. That's the only choice I've got left."

How come? Did she hit her head or something?

I couldn't help but title my head in confusion. But nevertheless, if she was willing to cooperate, I have no reason to refuse.

"Yeah, I do. I have the best secret plan prepared only for this moment!!"

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## **Bonus**

## Art

"That super giant golem is made out of rocks, right?"

"That is correct. A golem reinforces its body by appending more layers of the material from which it is made, Desu."

"So an iron golem or a copper golem could also do the same thing?"

"Correct. Desu. there are even some people who use golems in their art."

"Art?"

"They make use of stone golems to adhere stones and carve sculptures, Desu."

"So that's how art works in other worlds, huh."

# Chapter 85: It's a tradition to set a trap to activate after the first trap is destroyed

While Yato was fighting the golem in the hall, Karen seemed to have found an interesting place and told us to follow her.

"Uwa..."

"What is this place...?"

Lina and I couldn't hide our expression of amazement.

It was a small dim room with a low ceiling.

I didn't think that such a tiny room could be hiding in this spacious place.

"Who knew that a secret room like this would be hiding here. I'm impressed, Karen-dono."

"Yey!"

Feeling somewhat happy getting praised by Lina, Karen smiled as she made a peace sign with her hand.

The secret room we found was hiding in the middle of the passage we used when were on our way to the hall.

When Karen asked us to follow her, we didn't ask for a further reason and walked until we arrived at this room.

"How did you find it?"

"The wall that was leading to the room had a peculiar design in it."

Apparently, she has been wondering about it since the last time we passed by this wall and when she tried pushing the wall with the strange design, this secret room showed up. Could there be anything more cliched than that?

"What were you going to do if it was a trap?"

"If it was a trap it would have activated for the first time we passed by it."

"But, still, you did great finding this room just from the design of its wall. I

don't think anyone would be able to do that."

"If it didn't automatically activate, then it's not a trap. Besides, I kept examining the walls on our way to the hall and I didn't find anything similar to this one, so obviously, something was hiding behind it."

Karen explained to Lina the way she found the room.

I was honestly impressed by her insight.

She's amazing...

"Well..."

Halting her words, she shifted her gaze to the thing that was in front of her.

"There's something else too."

"Yeah."

"You're right."

Lina and I moved our gaze to the thing Karen was looking at while agreeing with her.

I looked at that thing and said.

"That's a magic circle, isn't it?"

A charming light shining inside the dim room.

I could tell that much since I already saw one earlier in that hall.

"I wonder what type of magic circle this is."

I uttered while gazing at the circle.

Its pattern was clearly different from the one we saw back in the hall. However, the fact that it was shining implied that it was functioning.

Although I wasn't able to tell its effectiveness.

Lina who took a closer look at the circle responded to my wonder.

"That's probably the circle blocking the use of magic in this temple."

"This one?"

Astonished by how fast it took us to find it, Karen looked at the circle with

doubting eyes.

"This room is placed in the middle of the temple. So it's the perfect place to set a magic circle with an effect enclosing the entire place. Besides, what else could it be if it's not the one blocking the use of magic?"

So that's how magic works.

I became intrigued hearing Lina's explanation about the way magic circles work.

"So how can we destroy it?"

Karen, who was gazing at the circle until now, asked an important question.

If it was really the circle that was blocking the use of magic, then we had to destroy it as soon as possible.

"That's easy."

Lina took out a sword from somewhere and walked before the magic circle.

"From where did you take out that sword?"

"I was placing it in my [Box] skill. The skill doesn't use magic, so I can use it whenever I need."

Lina explained as she flaunted her sword.

Wow, skills are really convenient.

"A magic circle possesses many useful effects, but it has also one fatal flaw. That is its subtle and delicate structure that makes it non-functional if it had the tiniest scratch."

Holding her sword while pointing it at the circle, she prepared to thrust it in the ground.

"In other words, you only need to do this!!"

She then swung down her sword with all her strength.

The sword pierced the ground and caused a tiny scratch in the magic circle.

Immediately after, the light of the circle started to gradually disappear until all of his functions halted. The shining circle turned into a mere drawing.

"It should be alright now."

Saying that, Karen put away her sword and released some gray haze from her hand to confirm that she can use magic again.

Looks like she succeeded in turning off the circle.

I was surprised by how fast and easy she did it.

I mean, I feel that usually, situations like this wouldn't resolve with just that much.

When I turned to tell Lina about it...

"WanWan"

Rouga began barking as if she was giving us a warning.

What's could it be?

When I turned back, I noticed that she was glaring at the ground.

It felt as if something of intimidating was climbing its way to us from underground.

What is it?

When I was about to ask Rouga, it was already late.

"Ha!?"

"Ah!"

"Eeeh!!?"

Apparently, the fear I had only moments ago became true.

When Lina destroyed the magic circle, this time, a bigger one appeared surrounding us.

A trap that activates after destroying the circle.

I mean, it's not like I didn't expect something like that to happen.

Lina revealed an astonished expression while Karen let out a confused low voice as she stayed expressionless.

Having nothing to do about the circle that surrounded us, we disappeared

from the secret room.

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## Bonus

Magic circle.

"Are magic circle able to do everything?"

"Not everything, but they can be used in many things."

"Like what?"

"Well, you just saw how they can block the use of magic. They are also often used in teleportation."

"Hee... so you can teleport wherever you want if you created one?"

"That is if you know the location of the place where you want to go."

"So it can be used to teleport to school?"

"That's possible, but I don't think anyone would use it for that purpose."

"Eh? Then what about Yato-kun's place?"

"That's possible (I'm not letting you do that though!)"

## Chapter 86: Thankful to the double standard

"Hey, are we really going to do this?"

"Of course we are."

"Can you like, think about it again?"

"Nop."

Revealing her unease about the plan that I came up with, Sara asked me to consider the situation numerous times.

Why did she start hesitating at this point after all that she said earlier?

We had to move as soon as possible since Meru didn't find us yet, so I just plainly refused Sara's persistent request.

"You told me that you were ready to do anything to defeat the golem, didn't you?"

"B-But still, come on..."

Sara checked the posture she was taking as her lips were twitching from fear.

"I feel that I'm going to get thrown at any moment."

As for the posture she was taking.

She was sitting on the ground while I was grabbing her from the nap of her neck; it looked as if she was getting forcibly dragged by me.

"That's because I'm about to throw you."

"I know! Rather, why are you pushing all the hard work on me?!"

Sara complained after hearing my nonchalant reply.

My plan was to throw Sara at the chest of the normal golem so that she can destroy his core.

That was all. Simple is best.

"That's because I believe that you can do it."

"No you're not!!"

My attempt to cheer her up seemed to have failed.

Well, she wasn't wrong. This plan is putting too much weight on Sara.

But I choose her instead of me because I was pretty sure that her hammer would reach the core with a single hit.

I was able to destroy his chest with my fist, so obviously, a hammer with much more power would cause larger damage.

That's why I choose to throw her, then cover her back while she concentrates only on destroying it.

The right person for the right place. My plan was an epitome of this proverb.

There was another reason behind my plan. It's the fact that Sara can't reach the core with her own speed.

It will be faster if I threw her instead.

Ignoring Sara's loud complainings, I turned to see Meru. the clouds of dust were starting to clear away.

"Where are you, Desu?"

After her vision became clear, Meru looked around the place restlessly.

It was our chance.

"Alright, I'm throwing you. Try to not mess up the plan."

"Eh? No, w-wait! I'm still mentally preparing..."

We didn't have time for mental preparation. I ignored her trivial complaints once again and threw her to the distance.

"W-Waaaaiit!!!!"

Realizing that she had been cast in the air, Sara shouted with her loudest voice which ended up resounding in the entire hall.

Because of that, Meru finally discovered our location.

"I found you, Desu."

Noticing the flying Sara, she ordered the golem to take a defensive stance.

"Too bad, I'm letting you do that."

The normal golem's hands were smashed.

Now that his hands are gone, there was nothing left for him to protect the core.

The rest depends on Sara.

Sara suddenly stopped screaming midway seeming to have made her resolve and aimed her hammer at the golem's chest.

"Get crushed!!"

Along with a desperate shout, she swung down her hammer and succeeded in making a direct hit.

### Booooom!!

Due to the remarkable speed and the massive weight of the hammer, an enormous explosion occurred from the strike.

The ground trembled and dust covered the place along with an unsupportable explosion sound.

"Kya!!"

Apparently, even Sara wasn't able to endure the shock and ended up blown away after letting out a short shriek.

This should be enough to destroy the core.

Doing my best to endure the shock of the explosion, I shifted my gaze back to the normal golem.

Shortly after the dust cleared off, the normal golem appeared again, still standing.

"Seriously....."

I widened my eyes when I saw him.

I was certain that he lost his balance from the explosion and fell on the ground, but it looks like he was still alive despite all that.

The rocks surrounding his core were already destroyed, but his condition was more than enough for him to resume the battle.

"W-Why is it still alive?!"

Sara as well, couldn't believe her eyes when she saw him still standing.

It's only natural for her to think that we've won after causing that overwhelming explosion.

I mean, even I thought that we've won.

"That was close, Desu."

Verifying that the normal golem was still alive, Meru let out a sigh of relief.

How could he still be able to stand after receiving that strike?

The moment I started pondering about it, Meru gave me the answer.

"I did well solidifying the rocks surrounding the core, Desu."

No wonder it was able to resist that enormous explosion.

Ah! Dammit.

"Looks like it didn't work."

"Don't give me that!"

When I purposely tried to look disappointed, Sara began complaining at me once again.

"What are you gonna do now!? Nothing is working against him!!"

"Well, calm down. For now..."

Now that my plan ended up as a failure, I walked and lifted a rock next to me while calming down Sara.

The golem was still regenerating and his core was exposed, so I tried aiming the rock at it.

"Here."

Following that word, I threw the rock at the core. I wouldn't have been able to make it in time if I run, so throwing a rock was much faster.

The rock flew directly and hit the core.

For a moment, I thought that I did it, but soon after it appeared that the core was still unharmed.

"The core is strong. Your weak attempts are futile, Desu."

I felt a bit irritated from the unexpected toughness of the core.

That's quite unfair.

The golem finished regenerating and the core got buried back inside his chest. I contemplated the next plan and turned to ask Sara.

"Hey, can we do it once again?"

"No, I'm not doing it again! Besides... Ouch!"

Shifting her gaze to her ankle, Sara exclaimed in pain. Looks like she twisted her ankle earlier because of that explosion. It was swollen and its skin turned purple.

It was clear that she was unable to continue fighting with that condition.

"A dead end, huh..."

As long as I still can't use magic, it's impossible for me to heal her.

What should I do...

As I fell in thoughts, Sara's frustration reached its peak resulting in her shouting.

"Why are you getting in my way!!"

"Because I was ordered by master to protect this place, Desu."

Hearing Meru's response, Sare spoke a truth that was better of not said.

"You were abandoned a long time ago by Metron-sama, so stop getting in the way!"

I froze in my place when she said that.

"Y-You idiot..."

Why is she making things even worse...

I hastily tried to improve the situation by telling to keep quiet, but...

"What does that mean, Desu?"

Meru was already in a rage.

The tone of her voice changed, but more importantly, the ambiance around her was different.

Failing to notice, Sara continued to add fuel to fire.

"I came here under the order of Metron-sama and he didn't speak a single word about you! That's because he forgot: he abandoned you!"

Feeling irritated because she couldn't defeat her, Sara resorted to using the truth as her next weapon.

I held my head in my hands as Sara continued to shout.

No good. That's it, we're done.

Meru remained hanging her head and silently listening to Sara.

"...Wrong."

Then she suddenly muttered.

"What is wrong?"

"You are wrong!"

With a tone that was totally different from the one she was using until now, Meru yelled with a loud voice. Looks like she even forgot to add "Desu." at the end of her lines.

"Master is not like that. Stop saying things for your own convenience."

"I served Metron-sama for much longer than you did! Stop trying to sound as if you know him well while you only spent a few weeks with him! You're the one who's saying things for her own conveniences!"

"Shut up, Desu! You're the one who doesn't know him, Desu!"

Their quarrel was about to reach the climax.

Both of them refused to admit defeat and so continued to dispute.

I avoided telling Meru the truth because I feared that the situation would develop to this point.

I let out a deep sigh as I watched the both of them still furiously disputing.

Soon after, Meru was the first one to snap.

"That's it! I won't forgive you, Desu!"

At that instant, something irregular happened to the normal golem.

His eyes abruptly gleamed and his entire body became dyed in crimson red.

It was probably the color of the core that spread in it.

"I won't forgive anyone who traduces Master, Desu!"

It was as if the golem was displaying Meru's anger. He took a pose to look as if he was roaring, then glared at us.

It's not like I didn't warn her.

The situation I was trying avoid from the beginning ended up occurring despite my consideration.

This Sara, always troubling me with her careless acts.

I felt totally tired of having to deal with every situation she caused, but I still decided to take action first while being wary enough of the red normal golem.

I wanted to do something about it before he makes his first move.

I rushed to the golem in attempt to damage him, but...

"You are slow, Desu."

Meru perceived my move before I was able to hit him.

Despite that, I continued rushing towards the golem before I halted my steps from having a faint premonition.

#### Baam!

The moments I stopped running, a red rock fell in front of me.

It was the golem's hand which he lifted back after missing me by a few centimeters. I felt a cold shiver running down my spine.

I couldn't imagine what would have happened if I didn't stop at the correct time.

I had no idea that a golem could power up to such an astounding level. His speed was way too different.

"It is my turn, Desu!"

Judging that I would be a challenging target, Meru shifted her gaze to Sara who instantly realized her trouble and moved her legs to escape. Unluckily, she couldn't run properly due to her injured ankle.

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"C'mon... Ouch!..."
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"Dammit!"

I rapidly rushed towards Sara, but with my speed, the golem's fist was about to reach her first.

This is bad! At this rate...

"You first. Desu."

"N-No..."

Realizing that she had no mean to escape, Sara closed her eyes as if she gave up.

Dammit! I need to reach her first!

I continued to relentlessly reach out my hand towards her.

However, the distance between Sara and the golem's fist was shrinking faster as if it was ridiculing my effort.

If his fist was to reach her with that speed...

I earnestly wished to reach her first.

Come on! Reach!

At that moment—— I felt a strange power flowing inside me; my wish has been granted.

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"N-No way..."
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I felt my heart getting gradually warmer; a feeling of something familiar

overflowing my body once again.

I was bewildered for a second from this abrupt feeling, But immediately prioritized my current situation.

The golem's fist mercilessly shrank its distance from Sara and crashed into the ground.

### Baam!!

After a blasting noise, he slowly raised his fist back.

"What does this mean!?"

Meru who looked at the place he just crushed exclaimed in astonishment.

"She is not there, Desu."

She couldn't find Sara's body there and she knew well that the golem's punch wasn't powerful enough to make her disappear without leaving a trace.

Then what happened?

Meru looked around the hall before she fixed her gaze on me carrying Sara in my back.

"That was so close."

"H-How did you do that..."

I let out a sigh of relief.

Sara as well didn't grasp what exactly happened after she closed her eyes and gave up.

Even I wasn't expecting my abilities to come back at that exact timing.

It was perfectly timed. Perfect to an abnormal point.

"I used teleportation magic."

I said to Sara while bitterly smiling.

Something felt awfully made up with the timing, but thanks to it, we were saved. Even though she was an annoying angel, I wouldn't want to see her dying.

"What did you do, Desu?"

Meru who still didn't notice that I can use magic again, asked me in a confused tone.

Honestly, I was confused as well.

Why am I suddenly able to use magic inside the dungeon?

The moment I started thinking about it, a new accident occurred interrupting my thoughts.

"Kyaaaaaa!!"

This time, I heard a familiar voice screaming from above.

I raised my head to check on the person who was behind the scream and widened my eyes.

Huh? Saya?

\_\_\_\_\_Bonus

Maybe I won't have a turn to play anymore.

"Hey, Yato?"

"What is it, old man?"

"I feel that I'm not showing up in the story very frequently. Is it just my overthinking?"

"Of course it's not. The last time you got a turn was several chapters ago."

"I thought so!! I mean, nobody would be happy to see an old man like me getting a turn in the story anyway."

"Well, you're being too pessimistic. You've got a turn."

"Really? When?"

"I don't know."

"That's not an answer! When?!"

## Chapter 87: Magic is as convenient as usual

Noticing that Saya was falling from above, I completely forgot about the golem and fixed my gaze on her.

When I narrowed my eyes to take a better look, Lina, Karen and Rouga had finally entered my field of vision.

What is actually happening?

How did they end up like this?

I tilted my head while looking up, though I didn't have the time to think about anything unnecessary.

"Guess, I've got to save them."

I teleported near Saya and caught her in time.

"Yo, you okay?"

"Yato-kun!!..."

Saya looked delighted from seeing me doing well, but unfortunately we couldn't afford getting emotionally moved since Karen and the others were still falling.

"Careful."

"Oh..."

"Guoo!!"

I almost lost my balance when I carried both Karen and Lina on my shoulders.

"Wan! (Chief!)"

"Guof!"

As if Lina and Karen weren't enough, Rouga fell down right on my face.

I bent backward due to the shock but managed to keep control of myself thanks to my level and skills.

I-I can't breath and I can't see anything.

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"Too heav..."

"Did you say something?"

"N-No..."
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When I wanted to express my complaints, Karen interrupted me with a sharp glare compelling me to close my mouth.

That was dangerous. I was about to say something I can't take back.

Well, they're are indeed lighter than the normal golem, but it still tough for me to carry them with my current stance.

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"Rouga, go back for a moment."

"Wan! (Okay~)"
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Ordering Rouga to return, I was finally able to ascertain the situation with my own eyes.

Lina and Karen were sitting on my shoulders, while Saya was still clinging to me. This sounds like a scene from some kind of harem series, but it can't be helped. That's how things turned out.

(Translator note: seriously now, what does that mean?!)

I deliberately descended to the ground, put them down and let out a deep sigh.

"By the way, Lina, you know that you can fly, right?"

I just recalled that Lina can fly if she used her [angel transformation]. I wonder why she didn't use it.

When I asked her about it, she answered in nonchalant way.

"I can't transform without getting permission from Metron-sama."

Oh, is that so?

I didn't know that she needed a permission for something like that. I mean, she used it many times in the past as if it was nothing of special.

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"Also..."
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Lina stopped her sentence after adding a single word.

I could see a faint smile on her face; a smile that a person wouldn't make after falling from a high place.

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"Also?"
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"... no, it's nothing. Forget about it."

When I urged her to continue, she tried to end the discussion by revealing her usual serious expression, but failed due to Karen's ruthless remark.

"You're just a happy because he carried you, aren't you?"

"W-Wai- Karen-dono!?"

Hearing that remark, Lina couldn't hide her fluster.

"You don't have to hide it you know."

"But still, don't say that..."

They started quarrelling, but that doesn't matter now. What's done is already done.

Leaving those two aside, I saw Saya walking to Sara to check how she was doing.

"Are okay?"

"Y,Yes."

Sara seemed slightly confused when she realized that Saya's question was addressed to her.

Ah, I forgot to heal her ankle.

I walked to Sara as well then sat on my knees and reached my hand to her injured ankle.

Applying the healing magic, a gentle light covered the lower part of her leg, turning the purple swollen part back to usual.

"You should be fine now."

"T-Thanks."

Sara thanked me while feeling a bit awkward.

Thinking about it, she injured her ankle because of my plan, so I can't leave her in that condition.

When I finished healing her ankle, Meru who was quiet all this time exclaimed in bewilderment

"W-What is going on, Desu? Why are you able to use magic..."

Lina who was still quarelling with Karen until now, cleared away Meru's perplexity by giving her a brief explanation.

"We destroyed the magic circle that was blocking the use of magic inside this ruin."

"N-No way..."

It was a concise, yet shocking answer from the girl who was flustering only seconds ago.

Meru who received that shock, froze in her place while muttering to herself.

"You destroyed the circle?"

"Yeah."

"I was the one who fond found it."

"We wanted to be of some help so..."

When I asked them while feeling impressed, Karen and Lina affirmed with a smirk.

In the other hand, Saya probably thought that they've done something unnecessary and stayed quite.

I turned to Saya and told her with a gentle smile.

"Thanks for helping me out, you saved us"

When I gave them my thanks, all the three of them looked at each other with an expression saying "we did it!"

Well, to be frank, they did really save us.

I can't imagine what could have happened if they didn't destroy the magic circle at that timing.

Ending our conversation, I turned back to the red normal golem who still standing in his place.

"Well then, shall we settle this matter?"

Hearing those words, Meru switched from her dumbfounded expression to a stiffened one.

"Not yet, Desu. Even if you can use magic, this normal golem is....."

"Too bad, you had already lost at the moment I got my abilities back."

"??!!"

Meru closed her mouth when she heard my voice suddenly coming from behind her.

Of course, I was no longer there once she turned around.

## "Explosion fist."

The moment she turned around, a burning red flame pierced the normal golem's chest.

The blazing fist instantly exploded after touching the red rock covering the core, causing it's chest to blow up.

The normal golem fell on his back.

"You shouldn't look away when you're facing an enemy."

I purposely warned Meru with a mischievous grin.

Feeling somewhat irritated by my attitude, she ordered the golem to attack while looking clearly displeased.

"Get him, Desu!"

Following that frantic voice, the golem launched his fingers at me while still laying on his back.

"I told you. You have already lost this battle."

The rock fingers flew directly towards me until they bent to the right before they almost reached my place.

Meru couldn't believe her eyes.

The rocks changed their direction despite having no obstacle on their way.

The remaining fingers too, followed the same trajectory.

"How, why..."

As for the reason behind this unexplainable phenomenon, it was all thanks to my magic.

All that did was using wind magic to change their trajectory.

After all, the golems fingers are nothing but mere rocks once they leave the main body.

They don't have any protection or resistance against magic, so changing their direction is a child's play.

Running out of fingers to release, the golem stopped attacking.

"Are you done?"

Asking her with a provocative purpose, Meru still refused to give up and continued to desperately order the golem.

"Not yet, Desu!"

While still laying on his back as usual, the golem stretched his fingerless arm towards me.

I remained floating in my place, not intending to avoid the punch.

When the distance between his fist and my body almost closed...

"Erasure."

The fist that was supposed to crush me didn't reach my place.

The arm that the golem stretched had completely disappeared out of sight making him one-armed.

Meru widened her eyes to this spectacle.

"W-Why did you..."

Seems like she lost track of what's happening.

She couldn't grasp the essence of my skills.

## My[erasure magic]

could erase anything as long as it doesn't directly affect any kind of life form.

If we think about this thoughtfully, this normal golem isn't alive in the first place.

If something was to be alive in it, that would be its core. The rest is nothing but some easily erasable rocks.

The reason I didn't exterminate it altogether was simply because I didn't want to end him with that much after all the things that he made me go through.

"It's about time to end this."

I stretched my arm to the front and aimed the finishing blow at the golem.

### "Death box."

The moment I uttered the spell, four magic circles appeared surrounding the normal golem.

Each circle emerged in a position to enclose him in a square based box. Soon after, a faint light started shining in the center of that box.

"This is my payback for all what you made me go through."

The light in the center gradually increased its radiance and condensation; it looked as it was about to explode at any instant.

Apparently giving up on ordering him, Meru gazed at the golem in daze.

The light which reached its maximal condensation transformed into a single giant explosion.

#### Boooom!!

Because of the boxed created by the four magic circles, the explosion didn't leak to the outside and furiously radiated in the inside along with a deafening sound.

An earthquake resulted from the impact that leaked out of the box, but it eventually stopped simultaneously with the explosion.

What was left inside the box after the explosion and the earthquake disappeared was—nothing.

Excluding the smoke and dust enshrouding the place, the interior of the box was empty.

Meru lost her words when she saw that. "Well, that's what happens when magic makes its entrance in a battle. Feeling somewhat satisfied, I muttered to myself. Bonus If Yato was unlucky, insensitive jerk. "Get him, Desu!" "I told you, you have already los-Buhee!!" "Not yet, Desu!" "Explotjon. Dammit, I bit my tongue. Exfposion, wait, Expvro— Buhee!!!" "Too heav..." "Did you say something?" "I said that you're heavy." "Guilty."

"No! Wait, that hurts, I'm falling, nooo!!"

# Chapter 88: Even a crime wouldn't be scary if we did it together

After utterly destroying the normal golem, I walked back to Saya while feeling satisfied with my revenge.

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"I'm back."

"Welcome back."

"You did well."

"Good work, Yato-kun."
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The three of them welcomed me in a nonchalant manner.

Looks like they've gotten used to these kinds of dangerous situations.

Sara, who was watching me deal with the golem in a totally different and

leisurely way from earlier, sat in daze while fixing her gaze on the ground where the golem disappeared.

"W-What did you do....."

She asked in a trembling voice as she was crumbling on the ground. Maybe she was too astounded to stand since her legs were shaking.

"Sara, I know that you're surprised, but that's the reality. Kamiya Yato is like this. That's all what you need to know. Don't think too deeply about it."

The experienced angel Lina explained to Sara.

As if she was sympathizing with her, Lina placed her hand on Sara's shoulder as she explained.

Although, I'd like her to be a bit more accurate in her explanation when I'm present.

I was thinking of expressing my complaints about that part, but Sara spoke before I could open my mouth.

"No, that's still absurd! What was that just now!? It makes no sense at all!

Just what in the world could a human do to end up obtaining such a ridiculously powerful ability!? That's too much, even for a cheat!!"

When she finally became able to talk, Sara started complaining again, one

after another.

I kind of understand what you are feeling right now, but it was that God of yours who gave me this ability, you know.

Of course, I didn't forget about that.

"Well, more importantly, the obstacle is now gone."

I turned to look at the teleportation circle as I talked.

It was an intense battle, but the magic circle was still unharmed. I made sure that the impacts of the fight don't reach it, after all.

Meru was still stiffness in her place since the moment I destroyed the normal golem.

Looks like she has fallen in a slump of despair.

I think I can approach the magic circle without any trouble this time.

When I stepped forth to take a close look at it, Sara called me to stop in a panic.

"Wait! What are you trying to do?"

"I'm going to use that."

"Ha!!? Why?!"

"To teleport to Metron's place and knock him out."

Sara was taken aback for a second after hearing my answer, but then she immediately stood up in front of me with opened arms as a way to block my path.

"I can't let you do that. I'm going to destroy it."

I just remembered that she came to destroy the magic circle.

We have just battled together against that golem, it wouldn't hurt if she changed her mind only this time you know.

"You won't let me?"

"Of course I won't! Why do you want to 'knock out' Metron-sama to begin with?"

"There are lots of reasons for that."

I lost count on how many times I was about to die because of him.

I won't allow him to escape after all those things he did to me.

I'm the type of person who takes any opportunity of revenge presented in front of him.

Knowing my aim for using the magic circle, Sara dragged Lina in the conversation.

"Lina. No matter in what way you have changed, I don't think that you have lost your mind to let this guy go and attack Metron-sama."

"Ah, well, you're not wrong actually but..."

Lina shifted her eyes from Sara and returned an ambiguous answer.

"I want him to go through some sort of painful experience too..."

"A-Are you serious?....."

"Yeah."

At least her eyes were dead serious.

Sara made a face that indicated the difficult time she had believing Lina's words.

Well, Lina has her own reasons too; the type of reasons that are impossible to comprehend by someone who knew her even from a long time ago.

"You... what happened to you..."

"I will tell you the truth then..."

Lina summarized the harmful incident she went through in the past to Sara who was still making the same astonishing face.

The time when she got betrayed by Metron and locked up in the Zero world with me and the black dragon and how Metron attempted to conceal what happened.

Sara's expression changed many times while Lina was explaining her past experience, however, she still continued to listen until the very end.

"——And that's the reason behind my approval for knocking out Metronsama."

"I see....."

When Lina finished her story, Sara closed her eyes and contemplated.

She was most likely shocked from realizing that the God she served could do something like that.

It was indeed something to be contemplated.

As I was talking to myself, Sara had finally opened her eyes after coming up with a decision. She then said in a non-serious manner.

"I understand your feeling of wanting to knock him out."

It was a carefree yet unwavering decision.

It made me doubt the fact that she was trying to stop me only a while ago. I couldn't hide my stunned expression after witnessing her instant change of mind.

"Is it okay?"

"Of course it's okay! I mean, who wouldn't want to go give him a punch in the face if they go through something like that. If it were me, I'd personally go and knock him with my hammer."

As she changed the target of her complaints, she remembered the traps in the island and started getting irritated all by herself while adding "Aah! I'm getting pissed off too."

What an easy-going angel.

As I was feeling impressed by her incredibly short temper, she suddenly made an uneasy face.

"Ah! But if you go punch him now, I'd be in trouble."

She even muttered "reduction" at the end.

As I thought, the urge of wanting Metron to get punched can't win against the tough social circumstances.

However, since I had already expected this argument to come up, I reassured her with a confident face.

"That's not a problem. I've already prepared a plan for that part."

"A plan?"

"Yeah. If I were to hit Metron, not only you but even Lina would end up in trouble. That's why I already thought of a plan for it beforehand."

Hearing my confident response, Sara lets out a sigh of relief.

"That's fine then."

"Alright, now without any further delay..."

"Wait! Desu."

Reassuring Sara, I walked towards the magic circle again and this time, it was Meru who got in my way.

"I can't let you get through, Desu."

She then opened her arms just like Sara and blocked my path. I could feel her strong sense of duty towards Metron as she did her best to protect this place. When I started thinking of a way to deal with Meru who was bravely guarding the magic circle, I heard Sara's voice, stabbing her again with the harsh truth.

"I told you, didn't I? Metron-sama had already forgotten about you." "You don't know yet if that is true or not, Desu."

Despite denying it, Sara's words seemed to have already reached her heart. She looked clearly less confident than before, but that didn't stop her from resisting.

"Besides, that magic circle can't function without my consent, so it would be useless to even try using it."

Eh? Really?

I revealed a surprised expression after hearing those crucial words leaving Meru's mouth.

"That circle was created from the magic I was bestowed from my master, Desu. Neither this circle nor this building would function without that magic, Desu."

"What if I tried activating it with my magic?"

"It won't activate, Desu."

Oh my god!

I didn't even dream of such an unforeseen situation to take place at this point. This means that the only one here who's able to activate the teleportation circle is Meru.

I honestly flustered from knowing this new fact, but shortly after, I recalled Meru's reaction to Sara's arguments.

"Hey, aren't you curious? Don't you want to know what Metron thinks of you?"

"..... What do you mean, Desu?"

Succeeding in pulling her attention, I revealed a faint, mischievous grin to the little girl who took the bait despite her vigilance.

"How about you go with me to see Metron?"

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#### **Bonus**

Abandoning responsibility.

"Lina, you really have changed."

"You think so?"

"Yes, I do. Rather, why didn't you go punch him personally after what he did to you?"

"Well, I do feel that urge sometimes, but still can't bring myself to do something as daring."

"That's the only part of you that didn't change."

"That's not the only reason..."

"What's the other reason?"

"I'd get fired if I did it."

"You have a point."

"That's why I shifted the responsibility to Kamiya Yato."

"That's a brilliant decision. That way you can just feign ignorance when something happens."

"Hey you two, let's have a little talk here." 

← Yato

# Chapter 89: Pleased to meet you; now let me hit you

In a certain room.

A room where books, gaming consoles and half-eaten snacks were scattered all over the place. The clothes of the owner of the room were lying on a sofa and his old-fashioned computer was placed on a desk. The person who was sprawling on that sofa was a blond child.

"Ah, I'm tired."

Metron groaned as he stretched out his arms. After finishing his job for today, he laid on the sofa as to distract from his tiredness. That place was his personal room. The pure white room that he uses in his meetings was for business purposes, while this one was his true land of peace and one of his irreplaceable fortunes.

Snacks, manga, games. It had all the necessary entertainment needs to live up to his title, "the God of Leisure".

Among all these games, he was recently hooked to a multiplayer game on his computer. He brought a computer from Earth-chan out of plain curiosity, but he ended up finding it rather interesting. He had no idea that online games could be this much fun. He felt as if a lightning struck his head when he first discovered it, and he has played it enough as if he would die, if his saved data were to be deleted. He knew it well that he won't be able to bear seeing all the achievements he unlocked through countless all-nighters coming into nothingness. That's how Metron got addicted to online games.

"Once I get some rest, I will resume it."

He was planning to change his character job and work on improving his production skills. He buried his face in the sofa while talking to himself.

Suddenly, he remembered the task which he entrusted to Sara the other day.

"I wonder if she will be okay."

Sara's skill was completely suited for utter destruction. For that sole reason, he was certain that she could achieve the task with ease, however, until now she still didn't get in touch with him.

"Did something maybe happen~?"

He was aware of the mischievous defensive traps set inside the island, but they're probably not functioning anymore by now. Even the AI which he left to manage the island should have ran out of magic and shutdown.

"Well, she should be alright."

While sprawling in his sofa, Metron muttered in a sluggish tone. Metron realized that it would be useless to think about it at this point. Besides, the teleportation magic circle leading to the island was buried inside his storage room, which was better of called as a trash room. He couldn't bring himself to step inside it.

Of course, at that time, he had no idea of the tragic consequences that his feckless and hasty consideration will bring upon.

"Finally, I've found you."

An unknown voice abruptly sounded inside his room.

Metron reacted to that voice by looking upwards while still laying on his sofa, but he eventually revealed a confused expression after seeing the person standing there.

"!!!??! Y-Y-You are!!?"

Metron promptly raised his back from the sofa and placed his feet on the floor to stand up. However, before he was able to stand, an intense impact struck his head.

"OOOUUCH!!!"

Along with the loud sound of the strike, Metron held his head with his hands as he felt an intense pain. A few tears started flowing from his eyes from the extreme anguish and he raised his head again to look at the person who was still standing with their fist clenched.

"I promised myself to strike you with this fist the moment we meet, so I did it without any further delay."

Listening to the voice of that person who didn't seem to feel guilty about what they did just now, Metron had finally recognized their identity.

"Kamiya, Yato....."

"Pleased to meet you, I guess, Annoying Kid."

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The moment after I stepped inside the magic circle, the scenery in front of me changed into jet black. I couldn't willingly move my body. Whenever I tried to move, I felt like something was blocking me from moving.

Did I get into some sort of trap?

Remaining composed, I examined my current situation. Judging from the feeling of being cramped and the difficulty in breathing, I assumed that I was inside a narrow place. Rather, it wasn't just difficult to breathe, I couldn't breathe at all. I tried maintaining my coolness, but once I considered the possibility of suffocating, I started losing my patience.

This is bad! I need to leave this place! I hurriedly made an effort in attempt to get out from this cramped space. Shortly after, I got back the sense of my right hand. Looks like I succeeded in crawling it out.

I think I can make it at this rate. I added a little more effort and pushed myself up to finally escape the narrow space.

"Buah!!"

I took a deep breath after drawing away.

Few, haah. As I worked on settling my breathing, I looked around my surrounding to find out what was happening to me.

"What is this?"

I titled my head when I realized that I was standing on top of a mountain of objects. To be a bit more accurate, I'd describe those objects as junk. Wooden toys, unknown stuff with an eccentric shape, goods which could be found in parties and banquets, not to mention, the expensive looking treasure boxes and many more other objects. All of them were disorderly thrown in this place, creating a mountain of junk. Coincidentally, a strange-shaped object entered my sight kicking me with an eerie feeling as if I've already seen it somewhere else.

"This is a magic tool, Desu."

Meru appeased that feeling by giving me a short explanation. Hearing Meru's voice, I placed my hand in my pocket and took out my phone. Turning on the screen, Meru's quietly standing figure reflected inside it.

Earlier, I succeeded in my negotiations with her, making her agree in letting me use the magic circle. Meru, personally, wasn't very supportive of my plan but she accepted only because she knew that she had no other measures to resist. She ended coming with me after judging that it would be better to ascertain her doubts by meeting Metron instead of watching the entire ruin getting destroyed. Thus, she agreed to let me use the magic circle with the condition of letting her enter my phone.

"Everything in this place is a magic tool, Desu."

"Come to think of it, Lina had some similar tools in her place too."

Listening to Meu's short clarification, I remembered the magic tools in Lina's apartment.

Yeah, everything in this place had an unusual shape. That's how I discern magic tools. I looked around the place once again.

"So this is Metron's place?"

"Naturally, it should be, Desu."

It's not that different from a normal house. Excluding the fact that I can't see the walls and the roof, the floor didn't have anything in of particular. If I had to point at something strange, I'd say that the interior design seemed a bit ancient.

Finishing the inspection of the room, I started contemplating what to do next right before I noticed the door placed ahead of the junk mountain. It seemed that it was the only door leading outside the room. Making my decision, I climbed down the magic tools mountain and walked before the door.

Now what? Guess I will take a peek on the outside first.

With that intention, I opened the door. The place that was laying behind it was less disordered room. I recognized many things inside that room, including the voice that was coming from the sofa.

"Did something maybe happen"?"

A childish voice exuding innocence.

There was no way that I'd forget about it.

I was certain that it was Metron's voice.

#### Found him!!

I was kicked with the urge to assault him right away, but was barely able to endure it while fixing my gaze on him. *I will conceal my presence just in case something happens*. With that thought in mind, I pictured myself lurking within my shadow.

## "Skill [Presence Secrecy] obtained."

This is perfect.

I instantly created a concealment skill and moved it to application by deliberately approaching Metron, but suddenly, I heard Meru's voice.

"Did you find master, Desu?"

Surprised by the unexpected voice, I shuddered and leaped in my place before taking out my phone.

"Don't suddenly talk to me. You frightened me for a second there."

"My field of vision is blocked and I want to observe the situation as well, Desu."

Ignoring my whisper, Meru complained.

Of course, your vision is blocked. You were inside my pocket, after all. Since she didn't seem to be satisfied with her current position, I placed my phone in my breast-pocket to avoid any further trouble.

"Can you see now?"

"I can't see clearly, but that is fine, Desu."

So she can use the phone camera as her eyes, huh.

Resolving Meru's dissatisfaction, I opened the door once again and slowly approached Metron who was still laying on his sofa. I gradually approached the sofa until his face entered into my sight.

"Finally, I've found you."

Confirming that it was really him, I let out a thrilled, yet delighted voice. Metron who heard my voice turned his head in my direction while seeming slightly surprised, though eventually his face changed from slight surprise to a bewildered and astonished expression once our eyes met.

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"!!!??! Y-Y-You are!!?"
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Losing his words, Metron tried standing up but I used that chance to strike his head with my fist.

Tasting the pain of my hit, he covered his head as few tears emerged from his eyes.

"I promised myself to strike you with this fist the moment we meet, so I did it without any further delay."

I fulfilled one of my goals for the time being and told him in a casual manner. Before long, the expression of surprise on his face changed into a glare as he spoke my name.

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"Kamiya, Yato..."
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"Pleased to meet you, I guess, Annoying Kid."

Thus, at this very place, I met the ringleader behind all the hardship I went through, Metron, for the first time.

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#### Bonus

Girls meeting.

When Yato teleported to Metron's place.

"So, what are we going to do now?"

"Let's see. Wanna go play at the beach one more time?"

"That's a nice idea."

"Then how about this! Let's stayover at Lina's place after we're done playing here."

"Only us?"

"Yes. it's nice to spend a night only between us, girls, every now and then."

"I agree."

"Only girls, huh... that doesn't sound bad."

"It's decided then!"

"... Aren't you feeling a fragment of concern about him?..." ← Sara

## Chapter 90: He is a God level in getting tricked

After achieving my objective, which was to personally meet Metron, I cast my sight around the room. I was still surprised by his childlike appearance despite hearing about him before.

So, this kid is over 500 years old...

I felt somehow uncomfortable with seeing his contradictory appearance, but Metron didn't mind what I was thinking and asked me while making a doubting expression.

"You, why are you here... no, how did you get here in the first place? Ouch! Ouuuch!!"

Interrupting the serious question he made while trying to look intimidating, I gave him another strike in the head as an answer. An audible sound resounded from the hit, making Metron cover his head again and complain at me for being unreasonable.

"Why are you hitting me!?"

"Shut up! How about you think about the things you did to me before asking that question?"

Summoning monsters on Earth, using Lina as a bait and trapping us inside the **[Zero World]** and many other troublesome experiences. There is no way I'd forgive him with only a single hit. Looking down at Metron who kept covering his head from the anguish, I decided to answer his first question.

"About the way I came here. I used the teleportation magic circle you created on Earth."

"Magic circle? You mean the one on that island? I thought that I asked Sara to destroy it..."

Feeling that something doesn't fit along my story as he muttered to himself, Metron came to a conclusion on his own and asked with a trembling voice.

"D-Don't tell me, what did you do to Sara..."

I could more or less guess the outline of the misunderstanding he came up with, but since it was convenient for me, I decided to use it against him. I returned a smirk as an affirmation to his question.

"Yeah, if you're talking about that angel, she's doing well with them on the island."

"What do you mean by 'them'? In the island?... No way!"

My profound response added more fuel to Metron's first misunderstanding. Obviously, I was referring to Lina and the girls when I said 'them', but for Metron, he probably thought that I was referring to those ridiculous monsters and traps set inside the island. He was most likely picturing Sara getting assaulted by those monsters when I answered him, as his face started getting pale while seeming to be in a deep thought. For my convenience, his delusions expanded even further, resulting in him ending up with a larger misunderstanding.

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"D-Don't tell me, even Lina....."
"... Haha."
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I grinned as if implying that he hit the mark. At that moment, Metron made a desperate face and casted his eyes down as if he gave up. I wasn't expecting him to misunderstand the situation this far, honestly. I wouldn't complain about it though. I internally laughed as I watched Metron's desperate face.

"Don't worry. I will heal their bodies and turn it back to its original condition. I will also erase their memories so they won't remember the experience they went through. All you have to do is to give them a warm welcome when they're back."

"Guu!!..."

After listening to me masquerading as a villain, Metron gritted his teeth from irritation. This guy is so easy to trick, seriously. Not that I mind that though. He makes my plan to handle him easier, after all. Feeling a bit amazed by how simple minded a God could be, I made sure that Sara and Lina's problems were resolved. At this rate, they should be safe from getting any punishment from Metron.

"Nevertheless, you've got quite the guts to cause me all those troubles back

on Earth, huh."

I clenched my fist as I talked. While Lina and Sara's problem was resolved, my wrath was still yet to be settled. Thinking that I will be hitting him again, Metron showed a sign of fear, but still decided to feign ignorance.

"W-What are you talking about?..."

I wonder why is he still trying to play dumb at this point. I reacted to his foolish question by raising my fist.

"Looks like one hit wasn't enough."

"Ah, it's a lie! A lie! I was lying! Yes, I did! I did cause you a lot of trouble!"

Knowing well that he won't be able to bear the pain of another hit, Metron obediently admitted his deeds. When I lowered back my arm, he felt safe again and unintentionally slipped his tongue.

"But it's not my fault, you know. Shouldn't the main reason be the weird skills you have?... Ouuacch!!"

"No matter how you think about it, it's your fault!"

Getting pissed by the way he spoke as if he were innocent, I raised my fist again and bumped it against his head. This kid just tried to shift his responsibility on me. He was undeniably the headmaster behind everything I went through.

"Ouch! What is that!? Why does it hurt this much!? What is your level!?" "I'm not required to answer that question."

Metron covered his head with both of his arms while writhing in agony. Even if he can easily find out my status by appraising me, I won't be telling him on my own.

"Can you please stop using violence on master, Desu?"

Meru who was quiet all this time yelled at me with an angry voice.

"Hmm. This voice just now..."

Hearing a voice different than mine, Metron looked around the place while still covering his head. Recalling that Meru came here to ascertain her doubts to Metron, I quickly changed the topic and asked him about her.

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"Hey, do you really know how I came here?"

"Eh? You forced Sara to stop destroying the magic circle, right?"

"That magic circle cannot function without your personal magic."

"Then you've probably modified it to work with your own."
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It seemed like he really didn't know since he kept tilting his head while staring at me. I heard an "eh?" coming from my phone after his reaction. Perhaps she was thinking that he forgot about her.

Well, I wouldn't say that I didn't predict this awkward situation, but it was still a little early to come up with a conclusion. I threw the ultimate question that I was preparing as a last measure to Metron.

"There was something that you had created on that island, am I right?" "Are you talking about that AI? It should already be dead by now."

I was taken aback by his cold assertion. He seemed neither sad nor regretful when he declared that Meru should be dead by now. I even felt an ambiance of despair emanating from my phone immediately after his answer. She was most likely shocked from hearing those words. Somehow, I started hesitating on whether I should shift my gaze to the phone or not. Fixing my eyes on Metron who was still making a clueless face, I didn't have a choice but to take out my phone and turn the screen towards him.

"It has been awhile master, Desu."

In a refined and venerating manner, Meru greeted Metron from within the screen. Sadly, her voice didn't sound glad or delighted from meeting her master; she spoke in a low and gloomy tone.

"Could it be, Meru?"

Metron pointed at the screen while revealing a perplexed face. At this point, he should've just apologized to her, but instead of choosing to peacefully wrap up the case, he decided to make the situation even worse.

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"Did you betray me?!"
"Eh....."
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Looks like those words had an unbearable impact on her. Not only he didn't get enough by arbitrarily assuming her death, but he even went and assumed

that she had teamed up with me and betrayed him. Seeing this result, I thought that it would have been much better if he kept thinking that she was dead. My phone screen reflected Meru's face which had started shedding tears. This stupid kid, he's totally inconsiderate of other people's feelings.

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"Why did you team up with this scoundrel!?"

"Who are you calling scoundrel!?"

"Ouuach!"
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I calmed him down with another strike in the head.

"You've been hitting me too much from the moment we met! Idiot! Cheat character! Child abuser!"

"So you're claiming that you're a child!? Think about how old are you!"

I never met a child who is over 500 years. His appearance is nothing but a deceit. While the both of us started quarreling, Meru spoke in a low voice after keeping quiet for some time.

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"... Idiot."
"Eh?"
"Hm?"
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Metron and I reacted to that voice by looking at the screen where Meru was casting her eyes downwards while trembling.

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"Master, you idiot!!!!"
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The entire room vibrated by the abrupt deafening sound she released from the phone and her voice remained reverberating around the place for a short while afterwards. Metron and I blocked our ears instinctively. After expressing her discounted feeling by that loud scream, Meru displayed an outraged face before instantly disappearing from the screen.

Shortly after, the computer screen placed on the desk was suddenly lit and displayed the process of some folders and images getting erased. Then, after a few seconds, the process seemed to have finished and the screen went black again. When I started wondering what she did, Meru appeared on my phone once again with her still mad expression.

"I deleted all the information you had in this room. This is my revenge for

casting me aside, Desu."

As if he got struck by lightning, Metron rushed to his computer while uttering something like "no, don't tell me..."

"... It's not there. It's not there, It's not there!!! No way! Where is it!!? It's not here!!"

Metron continued to find something on his computer while shrieking all the time. His expression showed that he was clearly flustering.

"My game data... it's not there!!!"

Following that last scream, he crumbled on knees and lowered his head in despair.

"My 2000 hours of hard work....."

He muttered with a low voice. I could feel from his words, that life was fading out of him. Looks like Meru's revenge had quite the impact on him. His stunned face was even better than Sara's when she first knew about Lina's past experience.

But still, Meru did it quite harsh. I can tell how large is the damage she caused.

It's only natural for Metron to have a heartbreak from getting his valuable data erased in an instant. I almost sympathized with him at that time, however, it was still entertaining to see his desperate face.

"I forgot that you can do stuff like that, Meru."
"I can do anything related to the internet, Desu."

Meru replied to my comment with a smug. She becomes pretty capable when she wants to. Nevertheless, I liked the pose that Metron was taking currently.

Guess I will take a picture of it.

I picked up my phone and took a photo of him still crumbling on his knees while casting his eyes downwards. It should serve as a good present for Lina. Let's show it to her later. I felt satisfied after taking an excellent picture of a God.

"Fu, fufufufu....."

Revealing a broken grin, Metron finally stood up.

"You're done. I'm not going to forgive you. You'd better not be thinking that I will let you leave this place unharmed after what you just did to me."

A strange ambiance started emerging from within his body. I could feel a heavy pressure, that wasn't there until now, surrounding the place. Someone once said that a weak enemy shouldn't be cornered. I guess this was the meaning behind that advice. I took a fighting stance and glared at Metron with vigilance.

"I shall make you regret opposing a God like me!"

Bring it on! You're the one who's going to end up regretting picking a fight with me. Preparing myself for the battle that was about to start in less than 5 seconds, I suddenly felt something strange happening to me.

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"Eh?"
"What is it?"
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My body got covered in a faint white light all of a sudden. I was startled for a second when that happened, but I immediately realized its origin.

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"This is..."

"You're out of time, Desu."
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Meru gave me a short reply while looking at me getting covered in light. The magic circle we used actually had a time limitation. A magic circle that functions on limited magic would have limited effect.

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Oh! C'mon, it's already time?
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I wanted to bully him for a bit longer.

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"W-What's with that light..."
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I answered Metron who was still unable to grasp the situation with a deplored face.

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"It looks like I'm out of time here."
"Haa!? Out of time?!"
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Both of us couldn't accept this forced termination.

"Eh? W-Wait no! I still didn't do anything!!"

Metron started complaining to me, but unfortunately, even I want to stay here for longer but I can't extend the time limit of the teleportation. Since I'm going to teleport back to Earth anyway, let's just use that thing now. Making that decision, I activated (Space Magic (extra large extent)) and used it to spawn a certain object above Metron's head.

#### Dooom!

Immediately after it popped up, that thing fell directly on top of his head while causing a loud noise. That thing was the famous tray used in comedy sketches. I picked it up back in the dungeon for the sole purpose of using it against him. Metron remained quiet while gazing at the tray which suddenly fell on his head.

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"Yeeey! You got pranked!"
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Hearing my parting words, a single vein appeared on his forehead when he finally understood what happened.

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"I'll make you regret thiiiiiiis....."
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Leaving him roaring in rage alone, I disappeared from Metron's room.

#### Bonus

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Playing cards
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Meanwhile at Lina's place.

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"8"
"9"
"10"
"Okay then, 11."
"""Doubt!"""
"How did you know!?"
"It's just too obvious."
"Yeah, you're easy to read."
"It's showing in your face."
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"Just wait, next time I will show you!"

The four girls were getting along.